**Wilcox Newspapers**
**is proud to introduce our new printing and graphic design division,**

**WilcoxGraphics**

**Business cards, flyers, and multi-page booklets, envelopes, labels, and signs, or even fully fledged marketing campaigns – our talented staff of experienced designers and printers can make your ideas stand out like none other.**

**Couple that with our fast turnaround times and great rates, and you'd be remiss not to let us quote your project today!**
**269-657-5080, 989-386-4414, or wilcoxnewspapers@gmail.com**

*Connecting you with your community*

PAW PAW FLASHES

FREE

Thursday, July 24, 2025

PUBLISHED BY **WILCOX NEWSPAPERS** • PO Box 189 • Allegan, MICHIGAN 49010 • 269-657-3072

# Paw Paw Days to be held this weekend

PAW PAW - The Paw Paw Area Chamber of Commerce will present its annual Paw Paw Days Classic Car & Truck Show, Arts & Crafts marketplace, Kids Zone, Touch-A-Truck, music, food, and more, Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26.

The event has traditionally brought to the downtown thousands of visitors who shop, eat and explore the Paw Paw community.

On Friday, at 6, classic car owners may join in the Carole Motycka Memorial Cruise. The caravan lines up at Tractor Supply, on the corner of S. M-40 and County Road 665 and follows a pre-determined route through the countryside surrounding Paw Paw. Drivers will return to the village at Red's Root Beer Stand for food and car talk.

On Saturday, the car show and Marketplace will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration begins at 7 a.m. at the registration table near the entrance to the Van Buren County Park in downtown Paw Paw. Cars will be displayed along Michigan Avenue in the Central Business District. Car show exhibitors should enter only at the corners of Michigan Avenue and Gremps Street, or N. Niles and Oak streets."

Saturday's activities include:

- Arts and crafts and other vendors in the downtown park;
- A "food court" on Paw Paw Street featuring Scott's Pig Roast, Sweet T's, Kurbside Catering, and B&D Kettlecorn;
- Desi's Tropical Sno Shack on Michigan Avenue in front of the Village Hall;
- Sloppy Joes at the Masonic Lodge on E. Michigan Avenue;
- KidsZone games and activities hosted by Freshwater Community Church in the Paw Paw Township Hall parking lot;
- Touch-A-Truck display of heavy equipment and emergency vehicles for kids to explore on Michigan Avenue;
- Giant Jenga, Cornhole and inflatable football games offered by U.S. Air Force Recruiters on Paw Paw Street;
- Sidewalk sales and other weekend specials at Paw Paw's downtown businesses;
- Music, 50/50 raffle, car show trophies and other fun stuff.

To make a weekend of it, come back Sunday for the village's Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Paw Paw Township Hall, and the DDA's free concert at the amphitheatre featuring Memphis Underground from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Information is available at www.pawpawdays.com.

# Good Trouble Rally draws over 300 to march and sing-along

*Marchers Walk across the Michigan Avenue bridge during the Good Trouble Lives, held Thursday, July 17 in Paw Paw.*

*Photo courtesy/Ann Burch*

***By Ann Burch***

PAW PAW - Reminiscent of the 1950s and 1960s era, folk music streamed from the Maple Lake Amphitheatre stage last Thursday evening, July 17, during the Good Trouble Lives On Rally in Paw Paw.

Conducted by Fred Sang, the Fred and the Good Trouble Troubadours performed for over 300 participants who joined into the sing-along, listened to speakers, and marched through downtown Paw Paw and back across the Michigan Avenue bridge to the amphitheater. Hosted by Indivisible Paw Paw, the rally was in honor of Congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis, who passed away five years ago on July 17.

"Songs of social significance were a part of the time, and the music raised awareness of and resistance to the Vietnam War," said Sang, who is the former director of the Kalamazoo Children's Chorus. "These songs reflect a period of social and political unrest. They remind listeners of the role music can play in challenging injustice, advocating for equality, and promoting peace."

Indivisible Paw Paw collected more than $1,000 in donations during the rally for the Mi Casa, SuCasa program at the Paw Paw/Decatur First Presbyterian Churches. The program welcomes area migrant workers by furnishing their dwellings with household necessities.

Events coordinator Anne Hawkinson welcomed everyone and then recapped her own family's immigration story.

"My grandparents were immigrants from Japan in the early 20th century. Like many other Japanese and Chinese immigrants, they settled on the west coast in California. There they were banned from citizenship, but their children became birthright citizens," said Hawkinson, describing what was called the 'yellow peril' that severely limited the lives of Japanese American families.

"Soon after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941and President Franklin Roosevelt signed executive order 9066, which sent my mother, her siblings and her parents, along with 120,000 other west coast Japanese to inland internment camps," Hawkinson added. "Roosevelt did not act in a vacuum. Populist fear and hatred were at the root of this removal, fueled by sensationalist rhetoric such as that spread by Randolph Hearst's newspaper empire."

Keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Regina Nelson, a professor of Early Childhood Education at Western Michigan University. Nelson spoke of the "transformative power of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" within the education system.

"I see first-generation college students like me discovering their voice and embracing their unique potential. I see students of color finally being recognized, validated, and celebrated for who they are through culturally diverse curriculum materials and teachers who reflect their diversity," Nelson said.

"We've observed the current administration issuing executive orders that dismantle DEI by deliberately eliminating funding for critical equity programs, which provide essential support to students living in poverty. We are witnessing a wave of book bans, curriculum restrictions, and efforts to conceal the truth about our country's past.

"We must stand firm against them and make good trouble, just like John Lewis taught us. And in his words, "Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part."

Other speakers included Kerria Randolph, program manager and student trainer with ARCUS Center For Social Justice at Kalamazoo College.

"We gather here at a pivotal moment. John Lewis didn't just participate in history; he made it. He understood, deeply, that progress isn't handed to us; it's fought for, marched for, and sometimes, it's about getting into 'good trouble,' Randolph said. A concept that's more relevant than ever. "It's a simple phrase, yet it carries profound meaning and a powerful call to action."

Randolph explained to those gathered that a call to action means to do something. He said, people can educate themselves and then they can find their voice and use it. Thirdly, they can get involved.

"Perhaps most importantly, be courageous. It takes courage to stand up for what's right, especially when it's unpopular or difficult. But remember the legacy of John Lewis: courage isn't the absence of fear, but the triumph over it."

Other speakers were Mariah Bryant from Michigan's Voter Not Politicians who spoke on VNP's campaign to educate voters on ballot petitions that would rewrite parts of the state Constitution; Nadine Rios talked about the Rank Choice Voting initiative; and Daniel Oropeza with the Michigan United Farmers Workers organization.

# Paw Paw man arrested for possession of child sexually abusive material

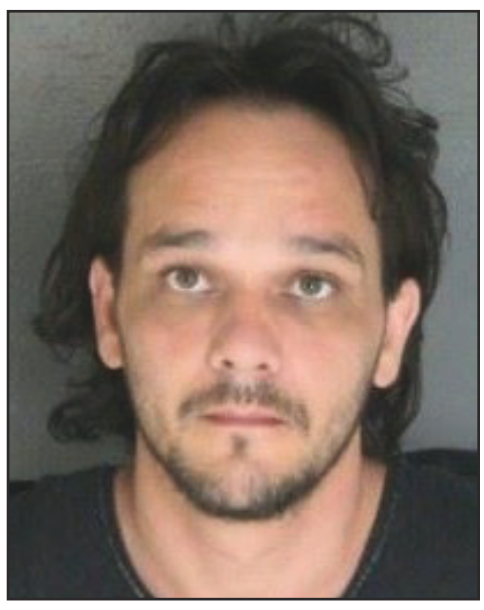
PAW PAW – Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott reported that on July 9, at approximately 7 a.m., the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division, assisted by the Michigan State Police Computer Crimes Unit/Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce, executed a search warrant in the 37000 block of County Road 665 in Waverly Township.

The search warrant was a result of an investigation into a tip that was forwarded to the sheriff's office. A 35-year-old male suspect was suspected of being in possession of child sexually abusive material.

Upon execution of the search warrant, the male suspect was located at the residence. Numerous electronic devices were in the residence and seized because of the investigation. The male suspect was arrested as a result of the investigation and faces numerous criminal charges as a result of the investigation for possession of child sexually abusive material and using a computer to commit a felony.

The investigation is ongoing, and the sheriff's office is working in conjunction with the Michigan State Police Internet Crimes against Children Taskforce. Anyone with information regarding the investigation is asked to contact the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office.

On July 11, suspect Travis Lane, 35, of Paw Paw, was arraigned in the 7th East District Court on the following charges stemming from this investigation:



1. Child sexually abusive activity-aggravated
2. Computers- using to commit a crime-maximum imprisonment 20+ years
3. Child sexually abusive activity-aggravated
4. Computers- using to commit a crime-maximum imprisonment 20+ years
5. Child sexually abusive material-aggravated possession
6. Computers- using to commit a crime-prison 10-20 years
7. Child sexually abusive material-aggravated possession
8. 8. Computers- using to commit a crime - prison 10-20 years

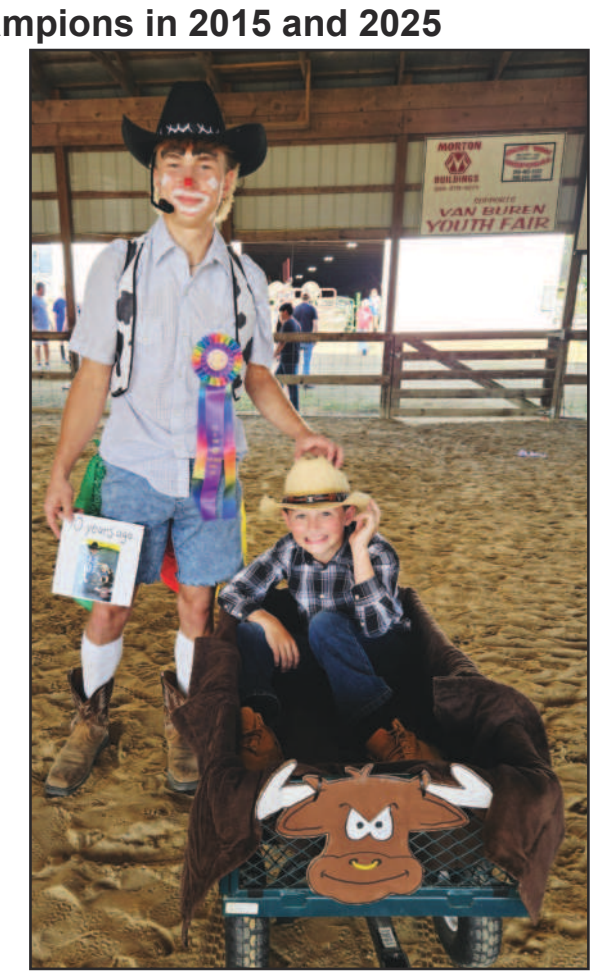
# Paw Paw youth is multi fair award winner

Wyatt Buskirk, 12, of Paw Paw, took several awards last week at the Van Buren Yoth Fair. The awards included, Grand Champion Dairy Heifer, Grand Champion Dairy Cow, Reserve Grand Champion Heavyweight Feeder, Reserve Grand Champion Crossbred Feeder, Grand Champion Crossbred Steer and Top Showmanship Young 2 Dairy. The chair was received for the Grand Champion Crossbred Rate of Gain. In second photo, Buskirk is shown with Tom Pursley, of Paw Paw, who purchased Buskirk's Grand Champion Crossbred Steer.

Courtesy photo
Courier-Leader photo/Paul Garrod

# YOUTH FAIR CONCLUDES, MANY WIN AWARDS

## Youth Parade Grand Champions in 2015 and 2025




Cousins Dane Ostlund of Schoolcraft and Blake Saidla, of Lawton, first entered the Youth Parade at the Van Buren Youth Fair in 2015 at age 7 and 10-months-old. This year, they decided to recreate their entry. Ten years later they were awarded Grand Champion again. Both have been members of the Porter Busy Fingers 4-H Club for many years.

***Courtesy photos***

## Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes Award Winners

Reagan Martin, left, a member of the Shamrock Shakers 4-H club, was named Junior Showman at the Small Animal Sweepstakes Award Show, held Friday, July 18, at the Van Buren Youth Fair. Makayla King, right, a member of the Almena Happy Helpers 4-H club, was named the Senior Showman..

***Courier-Leader photo/Paul Garrod***

The Michigan Horse Pulling Boat Association, held Saturday, July 19, at the Van Buren Youth Fair, saw several teams compete.

***Photo courtesy/John Garrod***

## Large Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes Award Winners

Shelbi Rindfield, left, was named Senior Showman winner at the Large Livestock Jr./Sr. Showmanship Sweepstakes, while Molly Kubiszak, right, was named Junior Showman. The event was held Saturday, July 19, at the Van Buren Youth Fair.

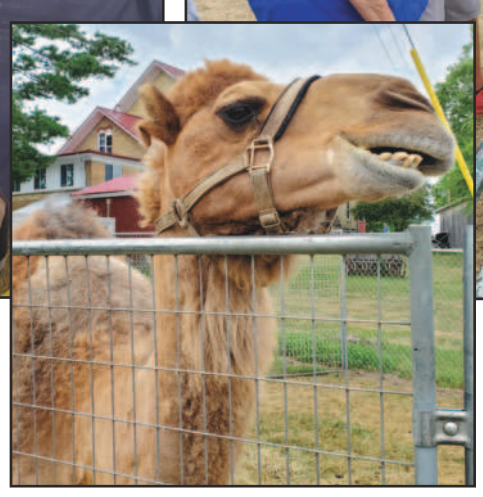
***Courier-Leader photo/Paul Garrod***

## Local Talent Shines at Van Buren Youth Fair

Local talent was on display last week during the Van Buren Youth Fair. Vineyard Chicks, Kayla, Trie and Bunkie, a three-sister music group, from Lawrence, provided music under the Community Tent on Monday, July 14. Abel Munoz, of Bangor, performed a set of songs during the Fair Fiesta Extravaganza, held Wednesday, July 16. Comedy magician, Trino, of Grand Rapids, MI, a Paw Paw High School graduate, performed magic tricks Wednesday through Saturday at the fair.

***Courier-Leader photos/Paul Garrod***

## Exotic Animals on display at fair



Whispering Pines' exotic animals were on display last week, July 14 -19, at the Van Buren Youth Fair. Fairgoers had the opportunity to see a variety of animals, including cattle, goats, an alligator, and a camel, among others.

***Courier-Leader photo/Paul Garrod***

GET YOUR NEWS ONLINE
SIGN UP TODAY FOR OUR E-PAPER IT'S EASY
Just visit our website @ epaper.wilcoxnewspaper.com to start your $20.00 email Subscription.

# 2ND FRONT PAGE

## Two escape unharmed from trailer fire

**The two occupants of a house trailer in Bangor Township of Van Buren County safely evacuated their residence when fire swept through it early Sunday morning. Firefighters from Bangor Community FD, Columbia Township, Covert Township and South Haven Area Emergency Services responded to the 5:02 a.m. alarm on County Road 687. The structure was fully engulfed in flames upon arrival. Awakened by smoke, the occupants said they discovered fire around a window air conditioner. They safely evacuated along with a family dog. A second dog perished in the fire. Photos courtesy South Haven Area Emergency Services**

## School Board hires Athletic Director, seeks new principal

Chris Gerlach

**By James Windell**

The South Haven Board of Education filled one of two vacancies when it voted to hire Chris Gerlach as South Haven's new Athletic Director. However, the Board is under a time crunch to find a principal for the high school following the recent resignation of Joe Allen.

Gerlach was officially approved by the School Board at its meeting on July 16, 2025. Gerlach comes to South Haven following two years as the Athletic Director and Dean of Students at Quincy High School. Gerlach replaces former Athletic Director Brock Thumm, who resigned in June, 2025 to become the K-12 principal in Lawrence, Michigan.

In an open letter to the Quincy School District, Gerlach said that the move to become the fulltime Athletic Director with South Haven Public Schools represents a professional opportunity for him as well as a personal opportunity for his family. He noted that he and his wife are expecting their first child and the South Haven job will put them closer to family as they begin the next chapter in their lives.

Joe Allen, who was the South Haven High School principal for the 2024-2025 school year, recently accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools for Covert Public Schools.

South Haven School Superintendent, Ana Aleman-Putman said after the School Board meeting that the call for job applications for a new high school principal would be posted as soon as July 17.

"Then we will need a committee of parents, staff members, and community members to review applications conduct interviews," she said. "I want everyone's voices included in this selection, including student voices."

Although Aleman-Putman was not certain how long the process would take she does not want to rush it. "I want to give people a good opportunity to turn in an application," she emphasized. "I don't want to rush because I want to make sure we have the perfect candidate for the school. I want to make sure that the staff, the students and the community feels comfortable that we have found the right person for us."

The Superintendent said that if a new principal is not hired before the beginning of the year, she would become more active at the high school.

"If we don't have a principal by the time school begins, then I will be at the high school to help people get started and help out with the staffing issues."

GET YOUR NEWS ONLINE
Sign Up Today for our E-Papers.
IT'S EASY!
Just visit our website @ epaper.wilcoxnews papers.com to start your $20.00 email Subscription.
I SAW IT IN THE FLASHES

Want to feel the "care" in health care again? That's where we shine.

Whether you're hoping for easier access to care or a provider who truly listens, you can count on Beacon. That's how we've earned a reputation in our communities as the leader in comprehensive services — raising care standards and delivering an uplifting patient experience.

**Learn how Beacon Health is creating a brighter future for patients across southwest Michigan at BeaconHealthSystem.org/Shine.**

BEACON HEALTH SYSTEM

CHRISTMAS IN JULY SALE

LIQUIDATIONS EST LIZEL'S 2025 & THRIFT STORE

FREE POPCORN | FREE COTTON CANDY
SATURDAY & SUNDAY ONLY

HOURS 10am - 6pm • Tuesday to Sunday
PHONE: 269-366-7434
102 S. State St., Gobles, MI

# Pullman Pride gathered the community to fill scholarship coffers

**By Gari Voss**

Pullman Pride Day on Saturday, July 19, 2025, brought the community together to enjoy a variety of activities while gathering dollars that would be added to the Dee Wesbey Scholarship Fund.

Residents and visitors could begin their day with breakfast at the Lee Township Fire Hall then stop at the Pullman Town Square and learn about Allegan County Lakeshore Cleanup, purchase crafts, listen to music, or buy homemade goods. Down 56th Street, the Car Show took front and center at the Linking Center, youngsters played on the playground equipment, seniors enjoyed a meal and conversation, and later in the day, everyone could get out of the heat to enjoy a movie.

Throughout the middle of the day, Joan Laraway made sure that people voted for the Cutest Baby, "old timers" shared stories at the museum, senior enjoyed a free lunch at the Linking Center while children enjoyed creating crafts and adults wandered through the cars on display. For the sports minded, there was disc golf behind Pullman School before the Corn Hole Tournament began at the VFW Hall.

**The Linking Center parking lot brought young and old to admire the many cars and trucks on display for the Pullman Pride Day, July 19, 2025. Photo: G. Voss**

A special thank you to the organizing committee and all who participated to ensure that seniors graduating in 2026 have an opportunity to receive scholarships for their post-high school endeavors.

**Joan Laraway organized the Cutest Baby Contest with proceeds going for scholarships to assist high school graduates with college expenses. Photo: G. Voss**

**The Pullman Town Square was filled with arts, crafts, food and music during Pullman Pride Day on Sat., July 19, 2025. Proceeds from activities like the Cutest Baby Contest, Breakfast at the Lee Township Fire Station, the Corn Hole Tournament and vendors were donated to the Dee Wesbey Scholarship Fund. Photo: G. Voss**

**Allegan County Lakeshore Cleanup was on hand to share their work throughout the county. The workers were originally organized by Jim Dyer the cleanup the Allegan County shoreline and rural roads. The message was to support their efforts to minimize gas, dumping, and supply fees. All are invited to assist in maintaining trash-free roads and shorelines. They utilize these donations to offset fuel fees and dumping expenses. A drop-off container is located at 3549 115th Avenue, Allegan, MI. Alternatively, schedule a pickup by calling 269-650-0654. They are grateful to everyone who assists with cleanup and to Cheshire, Lee, and Trowbridge Townships that assist in covering the costs associated with disposing of the bags of garbage. They believe that community support is crucial to their continued efforts, and together, we can preserve the beauty of Allegan County. Allegan County Lake Shore Clean Up. Photo: G. Voss**

GET YOUR NEWS ONLINE
Sign Up Today for our E-Papers.
IT'S EASY!
Just visit our website @ epaper.wilcoxnews papers.com to start your $20.00 email Subscription.
I SAW IT IN THE FLASHES

GIVE YOUR FLOORS A MAKEOVER!
2 car garage for $2,499
or 3 car garage for $3,499
*Up to 700 sq. ft installed. Signature blends. Exp: 10/31/24. CCMAG
• GARAGE & PATIO FLOOR COATINGS
• BASEMENT FLOOR COATINGS
• COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL
Granite Flake Floors
• UV Stable • Impact resistant • Abrasion resistant
• 100% seamless • Concrete resoration, protection & Design
• 15 year product guarantee
• Cheaper to coat than replace
SCC SUPERIOR CONCRETE COATINGS OF SW MICHIGAN LLC
LIFE'S TOO SHORT FOR UGLY CONCRETE!
269-525-4014
7144 S. 34th, Scotts
superiorconcretecoatingsofswmichigan.com
Scan to see our outstanding work and sample floor options

A-1 MOBILE ROOF-OVER SYSTEMS INC.
QUALITY ROOF-OVER FOR MOBILE HOMES
MOBILE OR DOUBLE-WIDE ALUMINUM ROOF-OVER
We all know how crazy the world economy has become. Businesses do not know day to day what material prices will be.
To protect our customers and our business, A-1 Mobile purchased and stored two full semi loads of aluminum coil stock – meaning you can have your new mobile home roof with no price increase.
Insulation
Thick Polystyrene Foam keeps homes warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer
A-1 Mobile cannot predict your heating cost. However, we do guarantee at least 32 per cent less fuel burned
Better Business Bureau A+ Rating
Call for free estimate
269-628-4771

# South Haven museum receives new coat of paint

The historic Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum in South Haven is receiving a complete top-to-bottom paint job. Constructed in 1853 and one of the oldest remaining residential structures in South Haven, the museum on Bailey Avenue is the birthplace and childhood home of Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey, Jr., internationally recognized horticulturist. A national historic site, it is maintained by the City of South Haven. The paint job, approved recently by the City Council, is costing $37,500.

*Photos by Tom Renner*

# Lawton Village Council reviews 2024-2025 audit

LAWTON - At the July 8 Lawton Village Council meeting, the 2024-2025 village audit was discussed.

Lawton Village Manager Todd Hackenberg provided an overview of the audit, which shows the village's overall financial health has improved significantly.

The village's total net worth is up $3.6 million from the previous year, which includes money in the bank, property, equipment, roads, and infrastructure.

According to Village Manager Hackenberg, most of the increase came from grants and infrastructure upgrades. He also provided an audit summary of individual accounts, as well as what was bought/built for the previous year, and outstanding debt in the sewer fund.

Village Council President Appleby brought a quote from Hydrocorp for $48,157.04 over five years, to the floor for discussion.

After the sanitary survey, EGLE said there were some updates that the village needed to make. The village must also audit residential areas in the village.

With 492 water services, and four Department of Public Works (DPW) employees, it is more cost effective for the village to hire out a company to do this. That company would do all inspections, audits, public education, and reports.

Village Manager Hackenberg said that hiring this company would be more cost effective than hiring one full-time person who solely handled this.

He also said being a water cost, this would come entirely out of the water fund.

Council member Judith Peterson made a motion that the Village of Lawton implement a cross-connection control inspection program through Hydrocorp over the next five years for $48,157.04. It was seconded by Gail Dudek. The council, in a roll call vote, approved the motion.

Village President Appleby brought the village blight ordinance: grass section updates to the floor for discussion. Police Chief Cordes said the grass ordinance needs to be updated. The Lawton Police Department has attempted to go out and tag high grass houses. However, between staffing shortages and rain expediting the weed growth process, he has been going out tagging homes. Per the Village of Lawton ordinance Police Chief Cordes has to send a certified letter 10 days after tagging a home. Certified letters rarely ever get compliance according to Police Chief Cordes, and at $5.50 per letter, it has drained the police department's entire stamp budget. He said it doesn't make sense to him that the village grass ordinance is the way that it is. He said the police department is already tagging the home. He said the village does not provide tickets for any other tickets. Police Chief Cordes would like to see providing a notice, even if it is on bright paper, and then, have it go to the contractor in order to have the grass mowed.

Council member Eric Dudek agreed if it is not working, it needs to be changed. Dudek suggested after one warning per year, issue a ticket. According to Dudek, some homes are vacant, and don't live on site. The end goal is to try to get the grass cut, according to Dudek. His theory is to make it a streamlined system, either they take care of their grass, or the village would take care of it for them and charge it to their taxes.

Village Council President Appleby said that according to legal advice, without proper notice, it was trespassing, so it may be more of a process. Appleby suggested having the village look into other ways to accomplish this. He also said to seek out information from other municipalities.

Council member Eric Dudek questioned whether a part of this problem could already be addressed via a rental ordinance.

# South Haven seeks citizen input on economic plan

***By James Windell***

What does South Haven do better than any other city? What are the strengths of South Haven that could lead to economic expansion?

Those are the kinds of questions economic development consultant James Hettinger will be asking city residents at two listening and input sessions scheduled on Wednesday, July 30 and Tuesday, August 26, 2025. The sessions are scheduled at the South Haven City Hall from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on both days.

A previous Economic Strategic Plan was developed in 2020, however, Hettinger says that the COVID-19 pandemic limited the number of citizens who could provide input at that time.

"In 2019 and 2020, I was hired by the city to do a strategic economic development plan," Hettinger said in a recent interview, "and at that time we were concerned about the long-term impact of the pandemic and also the decommissioning of the Palisades Nuclear Power plant. Now the plan needs to be updated."

Hettinger brings to South Haven more than 34 years of experience in assisting communities with community and economic development opportunities. He served as the President of Battle Creek Unlimited, a private, nonprofit corporation that has helped people and businesses find ways to create economic opportunity in Southwest Michigan, from 1979 to 2009. Currently, Hettinger is a consultant to economic development programs across the country. He also sits on the editorial board of a scholarly economic development journal (Economic Development Quarterly: The Journal of Economic Revitalization), keeping him in touch with the latest research findings.

"In the past few years," Hettinger said, "the issue of housing has skyrocketed to the top of the list of critical issues. South Haven is in the position today that the people who want to live in the community can't because of the cost of housing. One of the things I would like to learn from people is to find out if it is possible for us to develop a housing strategy."

During the first scheduled meeting, Hettinger explained that he will be going through the previous economic strategy to find out where there were mistakes in 2020 and how the City can learn more about the issues around housing. "Can we find a way with public input to come up with a strategy that is acceptable to the South Haven City Council that will also be acceptable to the community?" Hettinger asked.

Going back to the questions of what South Haven does better than any other cities, Hettinger said that if the City can identify and answer that question, then it can focus on the City's strengths. "Once you identify what it does better than any other city, " he said, "you can grow that in terms of becoming a comparative advantage. We can make sure we continue to do that better than any competing community."

Hettinger acknowledged that the competition between cities can be "ferocious." However, he added: "There is a place for communities like South Haven in this competition. I would just like to know from people what they perceive as our strengths and our competencies."

The first "Listen and Input" meeting will be in the City Hall's Council Chambers, 539 Phoenix Street, South Haven on Wednesday, July 30 at 5:00 pm.

ALLEGAN ANTIQUE MARKET
2025 over 300 Quality Dealers!
SHOW DATES: •May 25 •June 29 •July 27 •August 31 •September 28
RAIN or SHINE! 150 INSIDE DEALERS
SEVERAL OUTSIDE DEALERS (Most under canopies)
A Quality Show Featuring Dealers in every field of Antiques and Selected Collectibles!
HELD THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE:
ALLEGAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
Right in Allegan, Michigan • 150 Allegan County Fair Drive
SHOW HOURS: 8:00AM-4:00PM • FREE PARKING • $5 admission
For exhibitor information call: 269-673-6501
www.alleganantiques.com

Blue Horizon
Nursery & Display Gardens
Rare & Extraordinary

Just 8mi. from South Haven
9721 59th Street • Grand Junction MI 49056
Wed thru Sun • 10am to 6pm
269.998.8165 • bluehorizonnursery.com

GET YOUR NEWS ONLINE
Sign Up Today for our E-Paper
IT'S EASY
Just visit our website @ epaper.wilcox-newspaper.com to start your $20.00 email Subscription.

insurance the right way.
the human way.
simple human sense
MCKENZIE INSURANCE
303 E Michigan, Paw Paw, MI 49079
Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9-5; Sat by Appt.
mckenziemi.com • 269.657.2548
Auto-Owners INSURANCE
LIFE • HOME • CAR • BUSINESS

Lawrence Community Care
GRAND OPENING
Health Fair
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Free Hot dogs and Cake!
*for the first 200 participants
CPR Demonstrations
Car Seat Checks
Lawrence Fire Dept
The Cruisin' Cow
Selling Ice Cream
Get Free Screenings
• Blood pressure
• Sugar Check
Saturday July 26th
119 N Paw Paw St, Lawrence
Public parking lot
12pm - 3pm
Free Raffle
• Thermometers
• Pulse Oximeters
• Automatic Blood Pressure Cuffs
• Glucose Monitoring Kit
Entertainment with DJ Lorenzo Experience
Health & Safety Information
• Lawrence Fire Department
• VBEMS
• Red Cross
• Bliss IV Therapy
• Van Buren Tech
• Lawrence Lions Club
• Lawrence Senior Services
• Area Agency on Aging
• VB/Cass County Health Department
• Hartford Pharmacy
In Coordination with the Village of Lawrence DDA
For more information:
Call/Text: 269-241-2220 or email info@lawrencecommunitycare
Come meet our provider & tour the clinic!!

# VIEWPOINT

## "Pay It Forward" Is a Powerful Idea Worth Embracing

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX ■ PUBLISHER ■

In a world often overshadowed by cynicism, economic struggle, and divisive headlines, the simple idea of "paying it forward" offers a powerful counterbalance. It's a concept built on selflessness—doing something kind for someone else without expecting anything in return, trusting that the good will continue its journey. While it may sound idealistic, the ripple effect of one good deed can be transformative—not just for individuals, but for entire communities

I was the recipient of an act of selflessness this past weekend, and I'm still in awe that it happened. My fiancé and I were attending a big city movie theatre to see a film we were both interested in. We went to the kiosk and purchased our tickets and then headed to concessions to get a large popcorn, coke and beer.

The total came to about $40, and because I was struggling carrying my beer (I have essential tremor which means my hands shake horribly), the teenage attendant said, "I got this, you don't have to pay." I was flabbergasted. Here is a teenager paying for our refreshments. I said, "you don't have to do that." But he insisted. He said he had manager status and was able to pay for others a couple times a day.

I won't soon forget this and will be quick to pay it forward to others.

At its core, paying it forward is an act of generosity. It might be covering a stranger's coffee, mowing a neighbor's lawn, or donating supplies to a struggling school. These seemingly small gestures carry a disproportionate weight. They remind us that empathy and kindness still exist, even among strangers. In a society that too often encourages competition and individualism, paying it forward reintroduces the value of community and shared humanity.

Importantly, this principle fosters a cycle of goodwill. When people receive an unexpected act of kindness, they are more likely to feel inspired to help others in turn. Psychologists call this "moral elevation"—a warm feeling that encourages prosocial behavior. One kind gesture becomes two, then four, then more. It's exponential generosity.

There's also a practical side to all this. Paying it forward helps build social capital. When communities are rooted in mutual respect and helpfulness, they function better. People are more likely to look out for one another, cooperate, and solve problems together. Neighborhoods feel safer. Schools thrive. Local economies improve as trust builds between people and businesses.

Critics might say that acts of kindness are no match for systemic problems. And while it's true that paying it forward won't solve inequality or injustice overnight, it contributes to a healthier social climate. Grassroots goodness can complement top-down reform. If we want to build a more compassionate society, we need both.

Ultimately, paying it forward is about hope. It's about believing in the idea that one person's actions matter, and that we all have the capacity to make life a little better for someone else. In times of division, that's a lesson worth spreading.

So next time someone holds the door, covers your lunch, or offers a hand without asking for credit, don't just say thank you. Pass it on. The world could use more of that. I know I will.

## Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

"History doesn't always repeat itself but it often rhymes," said Mark Twain. As I write this in mid-July, it looks like there will be a change. For better or worse, I'm not sure.

A wonderful thing about a firmly-established republic or republican-democracy government form is that leaders can legally be replaced peacefully with ballots instead of bullets.

Our U.S, Constitution spells out the length of a politician's term: Two years for a representative, four for a president with an option to renew, and six for a senator. Add to or subtract from that term limits established by some states.

Other countries have their own systems. In Canada and England, prime ministers are elected for a 5-year terms but if things are going well, he or she can call for an election before the end of the five years. Even so, sooner or later, they get the proverbial sheet cake and are replaced.

Greece and Italy constantly hold elections because their leader never has a solid majority and must create a coalition government of several parties. It works out for a short time, then they squabble.

Think of it in terms of sports teams that constantly fire managers and coaches and replace them with someone new. With it comes the eternal hope that this time things will be better.

When ballots are used instead of bullets, the world rarely waits in fear and apprehension. We just shrug, hope we can pronounce the name of the new office holder and that he or she will be a good one.

Winston Churchill once said politics is messy and democracy is its messiest form, but it gives people the best chance to live in freedom and peace.

Turnover in autocracies rarely ends well. Tyranny begets more tyranny and bloodshed. Two examples from the last century, Russia and Germany, illustrate this cycle.

The Romanovs, czars of Russia since the 1600s, became increasingly abusive, repressive and out of touch with the lives of their subjects. Joining them in this abuse was the Russian Orthodox Church.

Not surprisingly, there were assassination attempts on the czars and bishops, some of which succeeded, followed by even more repression. Then in 1914, Russia was caught up in World War I.

Their first engagement with the Germans, at the Battle of Tannenberg, was a fiasco for the Russians. Almost half a million soldiers were killed or captured, and the rest hastily retreated. The defeat was demoralizing for the civilians, made the more so by inflation, conscription and shortages.

The situation was ripe for Lenin to lead the Communist Revolution. In 1917, the Romanovs were arrested, exiled and executed. Lenin became the new leader. Sort of.

Lenin faced many opposition groups and armies, and Trotsky was put in charge of the Red Army to deal with them. Soon Trotsky became dangerous because he had power and knew too much.

When Lenin died in 1924, perhaps pushed along by Stalin, Stalin knew he had to get of his rival Trotsky. At first, he was exiled to Siberia, then his citizenship was revoked and he fled the country.

Though exiled, Trotsky stayed in touch with the Russian officer corps. Stalin perceived them as a danger and began executing officers and enlisted people. The result were the purges and show trials of the 1930s.

As for Trotsky, Stalin sent his thugs who whacked him with ice picks in Mexico — the better to warn people that he had power well beyond Russia. Soon Stalin feared the judges and executioners, so he liquidated them. The pattern continued until Stalin died following a stroke.

After chaos and confusion, Khrushchev gained absolute power and, to better cover his tracks, he ordered the execution of Beria and other high-ranking officials from Stalin's government. Others were given a one-way rail, unheated boxcar class, ticket to Siberia.

Although Germany's Hitler was legally elected to office, he relied heavily on two different groups to keep him in power.

On one side was the giant military-industrial-banker complex. Opposite them were his street thugs, the SA, better known as the Brownshirts, led by Ernst Rohm.

These brawlers took sadistic delight in hurting others, especially Jews, socialists, LBGTQ people and foreigners. The more the Nazis trampled the rights of "outsiders," the more popular they became.

By the early summer of 1934 the Brownshirts were so successful, Hitler saw them as a threat. He changed on June 30 to July 2 in what became known as the "Night of the Long Knives." Several hundred Brownshirts were murdered by the SS and others. Then, within 35 days, Germany transformed from a republic into a dictatorship.

We know the ultimate results of the policies of these two tyrants, as well as their own ends. It all happened because of anger, jealousy and greed. We can learn from them.

First, every successful tyrant has to have an obedient group of followers willing to make him their demigod. They must be united in their belief that their political hero is wise, never makes a mistake, and must always be obeyed because he is the smartest man in the world.

When Stalin addressed the Supreme Soviet, his loyalists applauded until he gave permission to stop. Anyone who did not last the 10 or more minutes was soon picked up in the middle of the night by men in black coats and were on their way to a gulag.

Second lesson for wanna-be dictators is there must always be one sneaky, no-good enemy trying to destroy him and his subjects. Stalin had Trotsky and other high-ranking officials; Hitler had Stalin, could point to Russians as dangerous communists, then claim he alone could stop them.

Number three, tyrants never run out of potential enemies. The Bavarian corporal understood that. He went after the LBGTQ communities, the mentally ill, the severely handicapped, trade unionists, Lutherans, Catholics and Jews. Once his army crossed into Eastern Europe, he turned the worst of his thugs on the Slavs. They followed orders and rounded them up for either deportation or execution.

As Twain pointed out, history doesn't always perfectly repeat itself, but it does rhyme. Our democracy will always going to be messy and fragile, but we must always stand up to tyrants at home or abroad who seek to destroy it and our freedoms.

## County Museum holds car and tractor show

**The Van Buren County Museum recently held a car and tractor show. More than 30 cars and 15 tractors took part in the event, held on the museum grounds, located midway between Hartford and Lawrence. The event served as a fundraiser for the more than 40-room museum. Courier-Leader photos/Paul Garrod**

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Reader encourages traditional Dems to join GOP

Dear Editor,

I'd like to congratulate the Van Buren County Youth Fair Board and staff on a successful 2025. On Sunday I was told by one of the fair employees that Friday's attendance broke all previous records. It's heartening to see families and our community still embracing the county fair.

I have assisted with the Van Buren County GOP fair booth for the last few years and have noticed an interesting occurrence. While discussing our daily booth activities it seems that at some time throughout the week one or more people from the VBC Democrat's booth will come to visit us. Most will simply disparage the Republican Party with the usual petulant uniformed diatribe. But occasionally someone in a blue Democrat shirt will come over with a sincere question concerning a certain Republican position. By and large these individuals, when provided with reasonable and factual information, will at the very least recognize the logic in the GOP position and sometimes even agree.

Democrats and Republicans have been at odds on many significant issues for the past some 171 years. Yet by and large the Democrat Party was never anti-American. The new Democrat Party is now primarily funded by international enemies as well as some wealthy Americans looking to see the United States fail and become just another secular, dictatorial one-world entity. This only reinforces the fact that the Democrat Party has indeed been hijacked by the anti-American progressive left and has abandoned traditional Democrats.

It's been pathetic enough to witness the recent nonsensical rantings and tantrums of the mostly geriatric protesters. Now they are inviting children to learn to make protest signs and attending their petty, hate filled protests. Our worlds history is inundated with groups who indoctrinate children to support a destructive political agenda and it has never worked out well for that society or the children. Simply look at North Korea, China, the Congo, Somalia and too many other tragic examples to list. Kids should be allowed to be kids and adults should never employ them as pawns for their political or social schemes.

Our Republican and Democrat parties have evolved very separately over the past fifty some years. Despite all the failings of the Republican Party it has evolved into quite a large tent. Regardless of the issue; abortion, 2nd Amendment, drug legalization, gender, taxation or any number of matters you will find Republicans with various and often differing views. Christian, Jew, Muslim or atheist matter less than the preservation of our republic as it was created by our founders. The new Democrat Party has taken another far more insidious path far from the principles of John F. Kennedy and Harry S. Truman.

We now witness these new Democrats displaying our Constitution, Bill of Rights or Declaration of Independence and displaying the American flag while intentionally misrepresenting our nation as a democracy rather than the republic which it is. They cherry pick specific line items of our founding documents while criticizing our founders' intents, in an attempt to placate traditional Democrats. All while promoting, condoning and even participating in illegal activities including violence, destruction of property, murder and even assassination.

The fact is, many current Republicans were once Democrats as one should never be too old to learn.

P.J. O'Rourke once said "At the core of liberalism is the spoiled child-miserable, as all spoiled children are, unsatisfied, demanding, ill-disciplined, despotic and useless. Liberalism is a philosophy of sniveling brats.

Those who consider themselves traditional Democrats are at a crossroads whether they realize it or not. The choice is yours to either continue on the path of supporting this destructive, progressive anti-American effort or join those who support and defend our liberty loving republic. But remain as you are and you will soon have no voice and cease to exist as a viable political entity.

John R. Young
Hamilton Township

## Mother diagnosed with cancer

Eden Kondrat, a devoted wife, and loving mother to her son, Thaddeus, and her newborn daughter, Sinclair, who arrived two months early and has been in the NICU is growing stronger each day.

According to a social media post, what should have been a time of rest and joy quickly turned when Eden was diagnosed with glioblastoma, an aggressive and fast-moving form of brain cancer.

Since her diagnosis, Eden has been balancing new motherhood with surgeries, treatments, and recovery.

A GoFundMe has been started to help the Paw Paw woman to help cover the rising costs of medical care and additional support for her family during this time.

A recent social media post by her family reported Eden began her first round of radiation therapy and chemotherapy. "She was a bit nervous, but it went well and quickly. She also was able to feed Sinclair before her appointments."

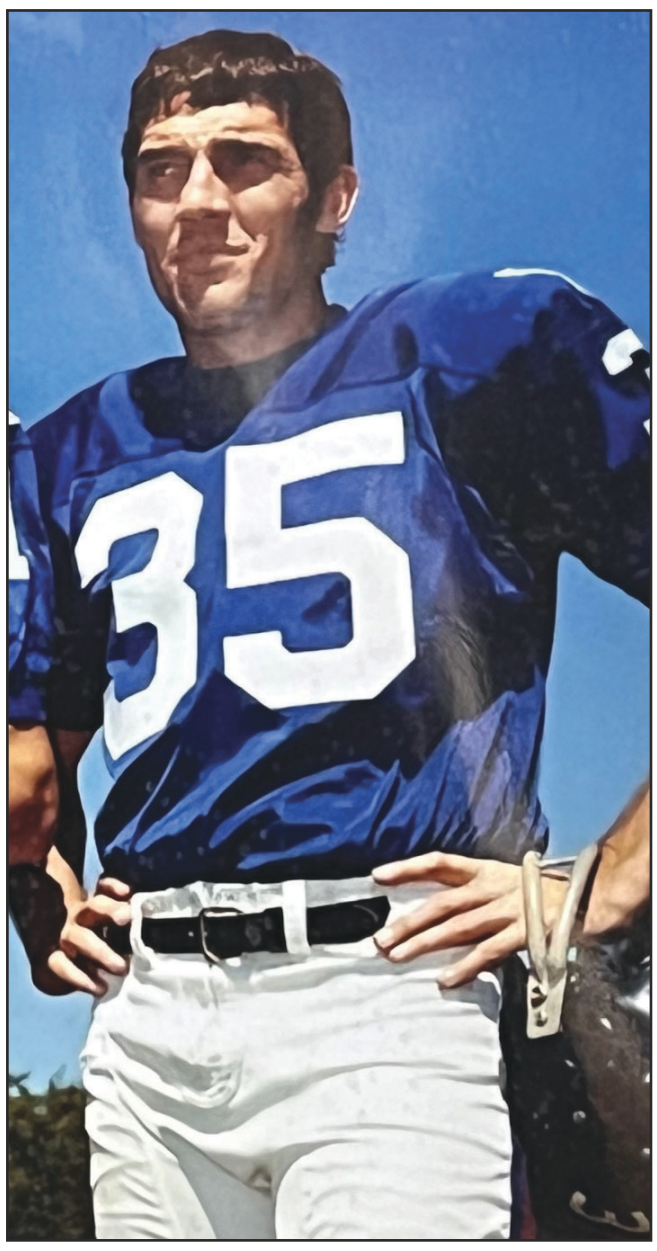

# THE COURIER LEADER
# PAW PAW FLASHES
# SOUTH HAVEN BEACON

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY WILCOX NEWSPAPERS, LLC
PO Box 189, Allegan, MI 49010
269-657-5080 • wilcoxnewspapers.com

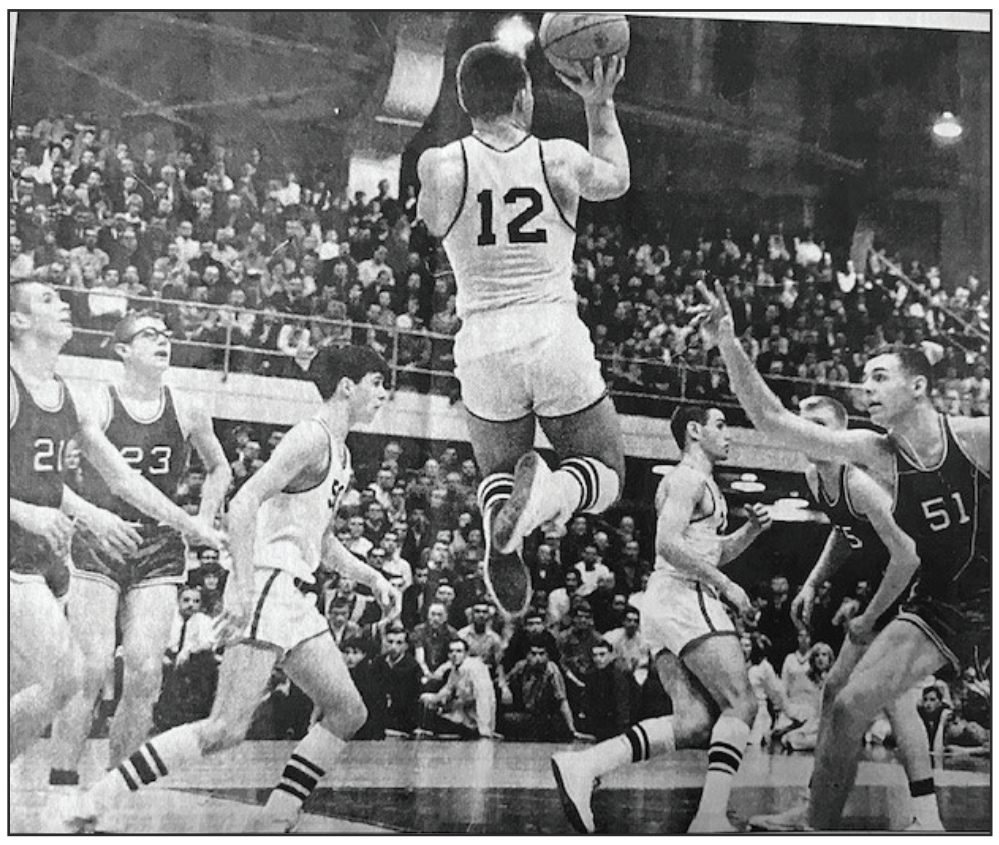
Publisher - Mike Wilcox
Graphics- Liz LaValle
Reporter - Paul Garrod & James Windell
IT - Jordan Wilcox

PERIODICAL RATE POSTAGE PAID AT PAW PAW, MI 49079-0129
Postmaster-Send address changes to: PO Box 189, Allegan, MI 49010

# Former star athletes were childhood friends



Pete Gent with Dallas Cowboys



Richie Jordan

**By Richard Teremi**

Sports fans hear the name Pete Gent of North Dallas Forty, or Richie Jordan of Fennville basketball scoring fame, and they immediately know about their stories. What they will be surprised to discover in this article is that both well-known athletes were friends as children and supported each other's sports careers in the town of Bangor, Michigan.

The idea to bring this story to the public originated with a shared story of actor Nick Nolte and Pete Gent meeting at a restaurant bar in Paw Paw. The details and date are unknown for the meeting. I knew that Nolte played Gent in the movie version of the book, but I wanted to know the whole story.

The topic led to this writer contacting Richie Jordan who revealed an entire body of things most sports fans are unaware of about the two prominent sports stars. They lived in Bangor when both of their careers in sports were developing and were good friends.

Pete Gent, along with his older brother, Charley Jr., and younger brother, Jamie, formed a group of tough competitor sports personalities that deeply impressed young Richie Jordan. They inspired his sports thinking and began a lifelong connection to Bangor and the Gent story.

Jordan as sports people know starred in Fennville leading to the question of how and why he remained close to Bangor growing up. His parents owned stores in Bangor and Fennville and every Sunday they returned to Bangor allowing young Jordan to stay in contact with Pete and his family.

Gent at the same time closely followed the growth and sports accomplishments of his much younger friend even though Jordan had moved to Fennville when he was going on nine years old.

Richie and his father, Tuffy Jordan, watched the Gent teammates compete for the 1960 Class C State Championship. This experience influenced Richie when his sports career took off in his 9th grade year at Fennville High School. Pete and his family came full circle when they ended up following and cheering young Richie Jordan's moment in the spotlight in his new hometown.

Jordan was amazed at the pure jump shot of his friend Pete Gent, and along with his own input developed a sweet one-handed shot that put him in the National High School Sports Hall of Fame long after graduation. When Richie Jordan developed into a star in his own right his friend Pete Gent became his biggest cheerleader.

The 1960 Class C Championship Bangor team includes only one remaining star player I interviewed for this story. His name is Rich Waite, and he played all four sports with Pete Gent, and was good friends with the Gent family.

Gent, who was a three-year scoring leader at Michigan State University, East Lansing, once said he never played with another guard who had the skills of his 1960 Championship team member Rich Waite.

The original Championship season team included Pete Gent, Jamie Gent, Rich Waite, Phil Weiss, Louie Geresy and Bill Mayhak as the key six players. Coach Marland Howard led the 24-1 team in Bangor's memorable 1960 basketball year-to-remember season.

The team's journey to the State Championship was filled with close calls and remarkable comebacks, earning the team nickname "cardiac kids." Gent averaged 25.7 points in the tournament. (A reminder here is that neither Gent nor Richie Jordan's basketball careers had the three-point shot.) The Jordan 44.4-point average in his senior year at Fennville would have had crazy numbers if the three-point shot had existed in 1965. Following high school, Gent became a Michigan State Spartan under Coach Forddy Anderson's leadership. Pete Gent was a highly gifted athlete and scholar. While at MSU, he was awarded a Big Ten athlete scholar award, and he led his MSU Spartans in scoring for three years in a row. (At the time, it had never been done before).

Boston Celtic Star John Havlicek who played against Gent, and represented Ohio State, shared with Richie Jordan that he felt Pete Gent was one of the most difficult players to guard he played against in college. He went on to say that if Gent had decided to accept a pro-basketball offer, he could easily have had a solid career in the NBA.

With the Baltimore Bullets offer behind him in basketball, Gent tried out with the Dallas Cowboys and made the team. The decision was both a blessing and a curse in that pro football allowed him to demonstrate the great hands and talent he had as a receiver but led to multiple knee and back injuries that impacted his playing time and shortened his career.

The period between 1964 and 1968, when Gent was a Cowboy receiver, found him fighting for playing time with several star receivers. If you view old game footage you can see the smooth passing combination of Meredith to Gent that was a joy to observe. He would play in 48 games and had 68 receptions as a Cowboy. Pete played as a wide receiver and tight end for the Cowboys offense.

The Dallas Cowboys won conference titles during the Gent era but were defeated in two significant games, including the 1966 Conference Championship game against the Packers. Gent had his most productive season in 1966, starting 10 games. The Packers, coached by Lombardi, were always a tough opponent for Gent's Cowboys.

The very next year they faced and lost to the same Packers, 21-17, in the sub-zero Ice Bowl of 1967. (The actual temperature in that game was between minus 13 and minus 18 degrees below zero). The Packers would use the win to advance to Super Bowl 1 where they defeated Kansas City, 35-10.

When Pete Gent played his final game with the Cowboys in 1968, he was traded to the New York Giants. When that player deal fell through, Gent returned to Bangor and came home to begin authoring a book that would radically change his life.

The book, North Dallas Forty, was released in 1973 and pulled the curtain back on the professional sport. He would complete the controversial book surprising many that he could author a book with this kind of impact.

The book questioned whether players were pressured to give everything for the team, while management viewed players as simply business. Players would frequently be injured and needed to be healthy enough to practice. If you were unable to practice, you would not play on Sunday when job security was established.

Trainers and players sometimes crossed a line in masking pain and injury to be on the field for practice. Pain injections and various methods to allow a player to perform with injuries had upsides in the short term, but career shortening downsides in the long.

The opinion Pete Gent revealed in his book had the sports world and players talking and being asked in interviews about the darker side of the game revealed in his narrative.

The book sold and was later made into a movie of the same name starring Nick Nolte and Mac Davis. North Dallas Forty and the movie version placed Gent in the fast lane that blew up his social life and for a time left him separated from his son.

When Gent authored his fifth book, The Last Magic Summer, it places the reader inside of the talented athlete's fears, anxiety and attempts to be there for his son, Carter, to warn him about the pitfalls of fame relating to sports.

The Last Magic Summer follows Carter's last year in baseball before college, emphasizing Pete's challenges with aging and his relationship with his son. The book's emotional sharing was deeply moving, and the baseball games against the Derek Jeter led Kalamazoo Maroon Giants is one this writer is certain Carter still fondly remembers.

Doug Palmer (Gent mail carrier) shared that Nick Nolte and Pete went to Decatur Michigan to scout out the possibility of using that diamond for the movie version of the book, Last Magic Summer. The movie option was never exercised or turned into a finished product for reasons unknown.

In looking back at the amazing complex story of Pete Gent, he clearly was a highly intelligent athlete who could do whatever he put his mind to. Playing college basketball, turning down a professional basketball offer, and then heading directly into pro football, (without playing college football), is nothing short of remarkable. Starting a career as a writer with his sports resume is equally amazing.

Richie Jordan still believes that Pete Gent's accomplishments in life exceed his own, and if you have followed or know Jordan's inclusion in the National High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2001, that is a powerful validation of his childhood friend's talent.

The Bangor Museum contains memorabilia and photos of the careers of Gent and Jordan. The two were friends as children, stars in sports as adults, and connected by their hometowns for what they accomplished that residents are still proud of to this day.

Medal of Honor winner, coach, and sports official, Jim McCloughan knew both Pete Gent and Richie Jordan. He commented about both athletes as amazing people and good friends.

This story benefitted hugely from Bob Emmert of the Bangor Museum. His photos and people to contact were invaluable. He additionally offered that Pete Gent was an intellectually opinionated person; but at heart he was a very decent human being. Dick Ely and Doug Palmer, friends of the Gent family story, gave contributing valued memories of Gent's life as well.

Rich Waite is the only remaining member of the 1960 Bangor Class C Championship basketball team. Richie Jordan told this writer that in every sport that Gent and other athletes from Bangor played in high school, Waite played a pivotal role. Pete once told Jordan that Waite could easily have played college basketball at the guard position.

Pete Gent felt Richie Jordan was talented enough to play basketball for any college team in the country. John Mooy (writer, Western Michigan University graduate and Hope College educator) in a YouTube video, 'Jordanville,' recalls feeling like Richie could fly when he watched him play. Jordan had amazing ability to jump, and at 5' 7" could dunk the ball. Gravity be damned.

In 2017, the Basketball Association of Michigan designated Pete Gent a retro Mr. Basketball Award for the 1960 State Championship season at Bangor. (The award did not exist at the time Gent played basketball).

I hope readers who are not familiar with Pete Gent or Richie Jordan will Google their stories. I again recommend the video Jordanville - The story of a big-time small-town legend by John Mooy of South Haven, Michigan. Video footage of Pete Gent is also available online.

Jamie Gent, brother of Pete, graduated from Central Michigan University in 1967 following an excellent college sports career for the Chippewas. He would go on to be an amazing coach, teacher, and administrator at Haslett (Lake Lansing) School District, where he retired with community honors.

Fans of Richie Jordan know that this article could have featured a ton of his accomplished statistics in high school sports while he played at Fennville. Jordan instead insisted (as mentioned above) that his good friend, Pete Gent, will be recognized for the amazing and varied sports victories he had in his own career. I would argue that this is how friends support friends.

I conclude with Gent's North Dallas Forty remark: "Writing is almost as terrifying as playing football." Without the support of Bob Emmert, John Mooy, and Richie Jordan, this project and labor of love would never have been possible. This writer will never forget these two athletes and their common small town shared friendship, and amazing sports careers.

Exceptional Neuro Care
When it comes to a brain or spine condition, you want a team of experts you can put your trust in right from the start. You'll find them at Bronson — the region's most comprehensive neuroscience center. Our specialists are skilled in treating a wide variety of neurological and neurosurgical conditions and work closely together to ensure each patient's care is carefully guided from testing and diagnosis all the way through treatment and rehabilitation. For exceptional care, we're the people to turn to.
Learn more at bronsonhealth.com/neuro.
BRONSON

# SPORTS

## Pole vaulter leads Bloomingdale boys

**By John Raffel**
Correspondent

BLOOMINGDALE — Bloomingdales' boys track team during the 2025 season was led by senior pole vaulter Isaac Goudswaard.

He was second at regionals at 13 feet for a personal record. He was 28th at the state meet.

At regionals Connor Huff was 10th in the 1,600 meters.

Huff had a personal record of 5:21.14 in the 1,600-meter run. He placed fifth at a SW10 meet. He was on an 4x800 relay team which took first at a WS10 meet in Comstock and was second in a home meet with a time of 9:39.38.

Reed Remington, Josh Odell and Adrian Pope was also on that relay team.

Senior Kelsey Simms had an excellent season in the 300-meter hurdles and was fifth in the regional meet in 42.90 seconds for a personal record. He won four races during the season including two SW 10 meets. He was also on the 4x200, 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams.

## Thrower leads Bloomingdale girls

**By John Raffel**
Correspondent

BLOOMINDALE — Rowan Hegelmann had a strong throwing season for Bloomingdale's girls track and field team.

Hegelmann threw the shot put 33-01.00 in the regionals for third place and narrowly missed qualifying for the state meet.

Hegelmann was a senior and won all of her meets prior to the regionals. She was 35-8 at the SW10 meet in Comstock, and 36-7 in the Comstock Invitational. She had her personal record of 37-5.75 in the WP League jamboree.

Hegelmann threw the shot 35-2 at a SW 10 meet at Centreville and 34-4 at Bangor in a multi-team meet at Bangor.

Bloomingdale hosted a meet on May 6 and Hegelmann threw the shot 35-3.5. At the Gobles Invitational, Hegelmann won with a throw of 35-4.

She also threw the discus and had a PR of 101-5 at a WP jamboree. She won a SW10 meet at Comstock with a throw of 87-3.

In a home meet at Bloomingdale, Hegelmann took first with a throw of 95-2.

## Mattawan baseball standout heads for collegiate ranks

**Troy Scarff was the starting shortstop, batted third in the lineup for most of the year, and served as a team captain for Mattawan baseball.**

**By John Raffel**
Correspondent

MATTAWAN — Troy Scarff was an excellent baseball player for Mattawan who has graduated and is now looking forward to the collegiate ranks.

Scarff said he will be playing baseball for Kalamazoo Community College.

"Our team had a very successful year winning another district championship and finishing with a strong record overall of 26-9-4," Scarff said. "I feel as is if I performed very well and ultimately had a successful year both offensively at the plate and defensively in the field.

"I feel as if I made many physical improvements as I was pushed physically everyday by my coaches and teammates, but perhaps where I saw the most improvements was in the mental aspect of the game. Last year I had a disappointing year largely due to doubting my abilities and not being able to deal with failure well. This year I was able to make that jump where I not only was able to overcome failure, but I used it as motivation to further excel."

Scarff was the starting shortstop, batted third in the lineup for most of the year, and served as a team captain.

"Last year I had a much different role as there were many very talented seniors ahead of me," he recalled. "I still started in the field at either third or second base, but there was less expected of me in terms of hitting. Going into this season I had large shoes to fill and much bigger expectations.

"I feel as if one of my key strengths was my overall athleticism, which came from playing a variety of sports growing up and being pushed to compete at a higher level than my older siblings. That foundation helped me adapt to playing above my level of competition and stay competitive on the field. I also focused a lot on being consistent in my work and coachable as there is still many things that I do not know despite playing the game for many years."

Scarff added:

"Apart from the hours spent physically sharpening my skills, I took a bigger focus on improving my mental fortitude as previously talked about. I put effort into building a routine that would instill confidence in me as well as better understanding that failure is inevitable and how I deal with the failure will determine my success.

"My most memorable moment as a performer would have to be our double header against Loy Norrix where I hit two home runs.

There were many memorable moments as a team however, such as our district play-in game where we beat our rival, Portage Central, 16-1 as well as our district championship game where we won 5-0 over Loy Norrix. These are the most memorable in my mind."

As for expectations, "I am someone who often sets extremely high expectations for myself and I fully believe that I can achieve these expectations, so even though my season may be viewed as very successful I feel as if I have only met my expectations," he said.

"Going into the season I feel as if many people doubted us due to losing a strong senior class, but I still had very high expectations and hopes for our team and knew what we were capable of. So in the minds of many we exceeded expectations, but in my mind we met my expectations and I believe we could've made an even further run in the playoffs if things fell our way."

Scarff also played football.

## Paw Paw pitcher had memorable year

**Lauren Mackellar returns as Paw Paw's pitcher again next season.**

**By John Raffel**
Correspondent

PAW PAW — Lauren Mackellar will fondly remember her pitching season as a sophomore for Paw Paw when she helped the team be state runners-up in Division 3.

Mackellar had a strong effort in the 3-0 loss to Richmond in the state finals. She went six innings, allowing three runs on eight hits, striking out six and walking two.

"I felt it was good," she said of her pitching effort after the game. I don't know if it was my best. I tried my hardest to leave it on the field."

Richmond "is a good small ball team," Mackellar said. "They definitely bunt a lot."

Paw Paw finished the season at 37-4.

"This is definitely not where we thought we would wind up," Mackellar said. "This is a lot better than we thought would happen. We're proud of it. We're sad for the season to be over. I did not think we would make it this far.

"I think we came together and played hard and gave it our all every game."

Mackellar has been a pitcher for about eight years. It was her first year as varsity. "I think I did better than I thought I would," she said, adding the rise ball was probably her top weapon. But she wants to work on her curveball and changeup next year.

Softball is her only sport and she's looking forward to next season when the entire team returns.

DURO BAG
A NOVOLEX BRAND
We're Hiring in South Haven!
Machine Operators (5pm-5am)
Manufacturing Maintenance Technicians (5pm-5am)
Material Handlers (5pm-5am)
APPLY ONLINE AT:
www.novolex.com
Click Careers
Keyword: South Haven
Then Click and Apply
Facility Located at 1675 Stieve Drive

Avink, McCowen & Secord Funeral Homes
Loss is hard enough...
Service should be easy
Avink McCowen Secord Funeral Homes and Cremation Society
Vicksburg (269) 649-1697 Manager Steve McCowen
Schoolcraft (269) 679-5622 Manager Zach Siple
Portage (269) 344-5600 Manager Chris Keyes
Plainwell (269) 685-5881 Manager Tim Secord
www.amsfuneralhomes.com

GET YOUR NEWS ONLINE

Sign Up Today for our E-Papers.
IT'S EASY!
Just visit our website @
epaper.wilcoxnewspapers.com
to start your $20.00 email Subscription.
FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

# SPORTS

## South Haven freshman athlete has terrific season

Kaitlynn Buero had a strong freshman season for South Haven.

**By John Raffel**
Correspondent

Kaitlynn Buero was an exceptional freshman athlete for South Haven this past season with track and field and swimming and diving.

"Last season, I kept getting new personal records in my races throughout the season," she said. "I got more stamina and learned more about the mechanics of running. I was a freshman running sprints. My role will be the same as a sophomore.

"I am committed to the team, am a hard worker, and bring positivity to the team. I worked on fundamentals and I worked on endurance. Some of my most memorable moments were just hanging out with the team.

"I am still working on meeting my high expectations for myself."

Buero is also on the swimming team and is looking forward to three more seasons in that sport. She's an extremely talented athlete.

"Track is my favorite sport because I like the thrill of sprinting," Buero said.

She also does ballet. It's likely to be a very busy offseason for Buero.

## Paw Paw second baseman eyes next season

Rachel Zache was the starting second baseman for Paw Paw.

**By John Raffel**
Correspondent

PAW PAW — Raegan Zache is looking forward to two more seasons in Paw Paw's softball program.

But it may not be easy for Zache and her Red Wolves teammate to accomplish what they did in 2025.

Zache was the sophomore second baseman for the Paw Paw softball squad which finished the season at 37-4 and was Division 2 state runners-up.

She was at second base all season. "I think people can rely on me and I can rely on them to cover for me," Zache said.

It was her first year on varsity but Zache says she wasn't overly nervous over the prospects of playing varsity softball.

"I'd say I was pretty confident," she said. "I know what I can do. I know my strengths and I know why weaknesses. My team will pick me up."

At the plate, "I think I hit the ball pretty good," Zache said. "Obviously there were some times where I was in a little bit of a slump but my teammates picked me up really well."

She recalls her most memorable hit.

"I hit a home run against Gull Lake and it was really special," she said. "It was the Strike Out cancer game and was really special."

Softball is her only sport.

"This team has really come together," Zache said.

# Area Church Services

## PAW PAW

***ALMENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***
27503 CR 375
Pastor Len Schoenherr
668-2811 • www.almenaumc.com
SUNDAY
Worship - 11 a.m.
(Childcare Provided)
FRIDAY: AA- 8 p.m.

••••

***COVEY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH***
33566 28th Avenue
(corner of 28th & M-40)
269-628-2139 • www.coveyhill.org
Pastor Daniel Wilson
SUNDAY
Worship @10:45am
Nursery & Children's Church provided
Messages available on YouTube

••••

***FAITH OF THE APOSTLES CURCH***
34580 M-40 Highway
Elder David Harn
1 (269) 512-4586
SUNDAY
Christian Education - 10 a.m.
Wroship Service - 11:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY • Bible Study - 7 p.m.

••••

***FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH***
32464 Red Arrow
Pastor Horace M. "Buddy" Turner... 657-2090
SUNDAY
Worship - 11 a.m.
on Facebook:
www.Facebook.com/buddyturner2 or search:
"Buddy Turner"

••••

***FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***
120 Pine St, Paw Paw
Worship: 11am Sundays
in person or online at -
www.pawpawpres.com or
www.youtube.com/@1stprespawpaw

••••

***NEW HOPE FAMILY***
201 W. Michigan Avenue
Pastor Mark Roberts
www.newhopefellowship.org
SUNDAY
Morning Worship - 10 a.m.

••••

***PAW PAW SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CURCH***
60409 South M-40
Pastor Sean Reed
Lawn Services - 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.
www.pawpaw.church
Oline worship services on Facebook &
YourTube

••••

***PAW PAW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***
420 W. Michigan Ave., Paw Paw, MI 49079
269-657-7727
Pastor Dan Phillips
Sunday Service at 9:30 am

••••

***RED ARROW MINISTRIES***
31133 Red Arrow Highway
Rev. G. Ben Bowater, IV Founding Pastor
SUNDAY Worship - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
www.redarrowministries.org for live stream
worship

••••

***ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH***
412 Cedar Street
Handicap Accessible
657-3762 • www.stmarkpawpaw.com
e-mail: stmarkspawpaw@gmail.com
Mailing Address:
P.O.Box 307, Paw Paw, MI 49079
SUNDAY Worship 9:30 a.m.

••••

***ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***
500 Paw Paw Street
Rev. Fr. Alan P. Jorgensen
657-4459
SATURDAY Vigil - 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY MASSES - 9AM & 11AM
Holy days & Daily Masses
Consult Bulletin

••••

***TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL***
721 Pine Street
Pastor Phillip Phifer
Church: 657-4840
School: 657-5921
Sunday Services 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

••••

***TRUTH CHURCH***
32560 56th Ave. • 657-5042
www.truthchurchpawpaw.com
Pastor Steven Green
SUNDAY
School - 10 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
THURSDAY Bible Study - 7 p.m.

••••

**IGLESIA DEL ESPÍRITU SANTO/ CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
30037 E Red Arrow Hwy., Bilingual
Pastors Maggie and Jay Salas
Domingo/Sunday:
Adoración | Worship- 10 a.m.
Jueves/Thursday: Oracion/ Estudió Bíblico |
Prayer/Bible Study- 7 p.m.
(269) 377-6514/ (269) 993-6727

## LAWTON

***DAILY HARVEST MINISTRIES***
117 S.Franklin Street
Pastor Jack Shanley
SUNDAY Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Bible Study - 6 p.m.

••••

***IGLESIA PENTECOSTES***
Eel Movimiento misionero Mundial, Inc.
Bilingual
117 S. Franklin Street
Pastors Arturo & Lourdez Hernandez
(616) 656-0137
SERVICES
Domingo - 9:30 a.m.
Martes y Jueves - 7:30 p.m.
Local: (269) 655-8071

••••

***LAWTON EVANGELICAL CHURCH***
425 S. Nursery Street, Lawton • 624-1524
Call if you need help in some way
www.lawtonevan.com
SUNDAY Worship Services - 10 a.m.
We offer Nursery and Children's Church

••••

***NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH***
502 N. Main Street, Lawton, MI 49065
Pastor Adam Potgiesser
Sunday Worship 10am
www.nc2online.com • facebook.com/nc2online
(269) 299-2003

••••

***ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***
624-1050
Pastor Ashlei Horn
SUNDAY Worship - 10:00 a.m.
www.stpoulsumclawton.com or on Facebook
www.Facebook.com/Lawton-St-Pauls-UMC

## MARCELLUS

***ST. MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH***
296 E. Dibble St.
Rev. John Tran.
668-3312
SUNDAY - 9:45AM

••••

***HARMONY CHAPEL***
88067 C.R. 652 (In the SW corner of Porter Twp.)
Rev. Ron Packer
269-548-7348
Please join us as we continue to Worship in the
Country Since 1894
SUNDAY Service - 12:30 p.m.
For mor information or directions call:
Neal Ferguson: 269-624-6837 or
Ann Nesbitt: 269-624-6781

## DECATUR

***DECATUR BIBLE CHURCH***
80797 M-51, Decatur • (269) 423-5111
Pastor Steven Pace
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study &
Prayer 5:00 p.m.
facebook.com/DecaturBibleChurch • http://
www.decaturbible.org

••••

***Decatur New Hope Community Church***
319 ½ West Delaware Street
Pastor Ross Tarantino
SUNDAY • Worship Service-10:00 a.m.
TUESDAY • Bible Study-1:00 p.m.
269-423-8136
info@decaturnewhopecommunity.net

## LAWRENCE

***UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***
Corner of Exchange & James Street • 674-8381
Pastor Doug Tipken
SUNDAY Worship - 11 a.m.
lawrencemethodist-church.org
for information of online videos

## GOBLES

***NORTHPOINT MINISTRIES OF GOBLES***
04077 M40 • 269-628-9199
northpointgobles@gmail.com
Pastors: Gary Lounsberry & John Losen Jr.
Sunday: 11am - Morning Worship
Monday: 7 pm - REFRESH Bible Study
Wednesday: 7pm - Prayer Meeting

## MATTAWAN

***Calvary Community Church***
7829 S. 5th St
Pastor Gregory VanHeukelom
375-6240 • www.calvaryreformed.org
Website: https://www.calvary-community.
church/
Worship still 10 am Sunday with live Facebook
Jody's Closet, a free clothing ministry is open
Mon/Tue 10am-12 and Thur 6-7:30pm
And the 1st Saturday of the month 8:30-10am.•

•••

***FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH***
56070 Murray Street
Pastor Chuck Rawsthorne
SUNDAY
School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.
(In person and on Facebook)

••••

***MATTAWAN COMMUNITY CHURCH***
23680 Front Ave.
668-3263 • www.mattawancc.com
mattawancommunitychurch@gmail.com
Pastor Eric Baird
SUNDAYS AT 10:25 A.M

••••

***ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH***
23830 Front Ave.
Rev. John Tran
668-3312 • www.stjohnbosco.com
Sunday Mass times to 8:00 AM & 11:30 AM
(Saturday Mass time remains at 4:00 PM)

DIRECTORY OF CHURCH SERVICES IS PROVIDED BY THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

THE CLOTHES BASKET
314 Paw Paw Street
Paw Paw • 657-6441

DE SMIA
Insurance Agency, INC.
130 N. Main Street
Lawton • 624-4411

CAMPBELL MURCH
CEMETERY
MEMORIALS, INC.
56556 Main Street
Mattawan • 668-3350

Adams FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES
ADAMS FUNERAL HOME
Serving the Community Since 1948
504 W. Michigan Avenue
Paw Paw • 657-6347

ho
HIEMSTRA OPTICAL CO.
Michael Houser & staff
133 E. Michigan Avenue
Paw Paw • 657-4511

St JULIAN
winery • distillery
Michigan's Oldest & Largest Winery
716 S. Kalamazoo Street
Paw Paw • 657-5568

BRONSON
LakeView Hospital
408 Hazen Street
Paw Paw • 657-3141

GET YOUR NEWS ONLINE
Sign Up Today for our E-Papers. IT'S EASY!
Just visit our website @ epaper.wilcoxnews papers.com to start your
$20.00 email Subscription.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

**PAW TOWNSHIP**
**SYNOPSIS OF MEETING**
**JULY 14, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Called to Order by Supervisor Palenick 6:00 P.M.
Board Members Present: Thomas Palenick, James DeGroff, Dennis Reynolds, Rebecca Payne, Lisa Zinkil
Absent: None
Guest Present: Hope Vasquez, Dave Sons, Don Welch, Frank Walters, Sly and Lisa Sylvester, Ben Brousseau, Toni and Dave Pool, Frank Stout, Angie Honda, David Smith

- Approved June 3rd and 9th, 2025, meeting minutes.
- Approved the Bid from Vogt's Snow Removal for the resealing of the Township parking lot.
- Approved the use of ½ the parking lot for Saturday of the Grape Festival.
- Approved Siegfried Crandall PC for the annual audit not to exceed $13,300.
- Approved Resolution 250714-1 Ackley Lake SAD
- Approved Resolution 250714-2 Maple Lake SAD
- Approved the request to renew Lake Cora's SAD
- Approved Ordinance 291 NCC District Amendment
- Approved Ordinance 292 Solar Amendment

Meeting Adjourned 7:33 P.M.
Rebecca F. Payne, Clerk

---

State of Michigan
Probate Court • Van Buren County
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
**DECEDENT'S ESTATE**
**Case NO. 2024-1074-DE**
**Estate of Leah Beth Froelich**
Date of Birth June 14,1950

**TO ALL CREDITORS: * ***
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, **Leah Beth Froelich , died February 5, 2024 .**
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **Michelle Meyer ,** personal representative, or to both the probate court at 212 Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

April 19, 2024

Attorney
Cordell R. Jones (P15567)
120 West Main, P.O. Box 187
Marcellus, MI 49067
269/646-5511
Personal representative
Michelle Meyer
7607 West V Avenue
Schoolcraft, MI 49087
269/217-5125

---

**DECEDENT'S TRUST ESTATE**
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Trust Estate of **Douglas John Latchaw,** Date of birth: March 29, 1945
Name of Trust: trust dated: **Douglas and Kathryn Latchaw Trust dated August 26, 2005, as amended on May 1, 2010, February 23, 2018, and February 11, 2020.**
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
Decedent, **Douglas John Latchaw,** who lived at **45354 CR 390, Bloomingdale, Michigan 49026 died on February 28, 2025.**
There is no personal representative of Decedent's estate to whom a Letter of Authority has been issued. Creditors of Decedent are notified that all claims against the Decedent's trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to trustee, Tonya Finch, c/o Laaksonen Law Offices PC at 226-2 E. Michigan Ave. Paw Paw, MI 49079 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.
**Tonya Finch**
**8511 66th Street**
**Kenosha, WI 53142**

Albert W. Laaksonen, II (P43920)
Laaksonen Law Offices, P.C.
226½ East Michigan Avenue
Paw Paw, MI 49079
269-655-1035

---

**COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: JESSE STONE; ATTY: TEAM H; 1ST PUB: 7/3/2025; ATTY FILE #: 524395F01; INSURER: FNMA**
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT**

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on July 31, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jesse Stone and Stephanie N. Stone FKA Stephanie Fabian, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC
Date of Mortgage: November 18, 2020
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 14, 2021
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $153,034.08
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Pine Grove, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of Section 6, Town 1 South, Range 13 West, described as: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of said section; thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, on the East section line, 592.93 feet; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 34 seconds
West, parallel with and 66 feet South of the North line of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northeast fractional 1/4, 220.45 feet; thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds East, parallel with the East section line, 592.81 feet to the South line of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northeast fractional 1/4; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 22 seconds East, on same, 220.45 feet to the place of beginning.
Common street address (if any): 01464 M 40, Gobles, MI 49055-9075
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: July 3, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1565480

(07-03)(07-24)

---

**COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: JAMIE HANNAR; ATTY: ORLANS; 1ST PUB: 7/24/2025; ATTY FILE #: 25-009166; INSURER: FNMA**

**ATTENTION HOMEOWNER:** If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on AUGUST 21, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jamie Hannar, an unmarried woman, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated June 26, 2008 and recorded June 30, 2008 in Liber 1504, Page 243 and Loan Modification Agreement recorded on July 11, 2011, in Liber 1553, Page 184, Van Buren County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank N.A. as successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company, by assignment.
There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Five and 9/100 Dollars ($121,965.09).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Van Buren County, Michigan at 1:00 PM on AUGUST 21, 2025.
Said premises are located in the Township of Porter, Van Buren County Michigan, and are described as:
Beginning at a point 20 feet South of the Northeast corner of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 15, Town 4 North, Range 13 West; thence West 10 rods; thence South 20 rods; thence East 10 rods; thence North 20 rods to beginning.
81202 County Road 652, Lawton, Michigan 49065
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: July 24, 2025
File No. 25-009166
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(07-24)(08-14)

---

**COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: WILLIAM ENGEL; ATTY: TEAM X; 1ST PUB: 7/24/2025; ATTY FILE #: 040244F08; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)**
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT**

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on August 21, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): William Engel, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Indenture Trustee, successor in interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee for SASCO Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-GEL3
Date of Mortgage: April 23, 2004
Date of Mortgage Recording: April 30, 2004
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $88,190.20
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Antwerp, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: The Easterly 550 feet of the following: that part of the Northwest quarter of Section 18, Town 3 South, Range 13 West described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 18, Town 3 South, Range 13 West, thence South 00 degree 13 minutes 51 seconds West, 202.09 feet along the East line of the Northeast quarter of said Section 18 to the center line of Highway I-94; thence South 60 degrees 28 minutes 4 seconds West, 3688.30 feet; thence South 172.15 to the Southerly right of way line of I-94 and the place of beginning of this description thence continuing South in the center of a road described in Liber 148 of Deeds on Page 134 to a point which is East of a point on the West Section line of said Section 18 which point is 40.35 chains (2663.10 feet) North to the Southwest corner of Section 18; thence West to the Southerly right of way line of said I-94; thence Northeasterly along said Southerly right of way to Place of Beginning.
Common street address (if any): 59443 S Lagrave St, Paw Paw, MI 49079-9272
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: July 24, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1567326

(07-24)(08-14)

---

**PAW PAW TOWNSHIP**
**VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING**
**LAKE CORA AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF PAW PAW TOWNSHIP, VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Paw Paw Township Board, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended, proposes to undertake an aquatic plant control project (with associated activities) on Lake Cora in Paw Paw Township, as more particularly described below and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited. The Special Assessment District shall be known as the LAKE CORA AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2022-1.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the land and premises in the special assessment district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are to be specially assessed are more particularly described as parcels abutting Lake Cora or having frontage on Lake Cora, including the following parcel numbers:

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 80-14-017-047-10 | 80-14-740-012-00 | 80-14-110-023-00 | 80-14-110-001-50 | 80-14-018-066-21 | 80-14-740-026-00 | 80-14-440-028-01 | 80-14-110-014-01 |
| 80-14-019-023-03 | 80-14-018-015-00 | 80-14-740-016-01 | 80-14-110-030-00 | 80-14-110-004-50 | 80-14-018-066-29 | 80-14-740-030-00 | 80-14-740-002-00 |
| 80-14-110-018-00 | 80-14-019-028-00 | 80-14-018-024-00 | 80-14-740-021-00 | 80-14-440-007-00 | 80-14-110-008-00 | 80-14-018-066-60 | 80-14-740-037-00 |
| 80-14-740-008-00 | 80-14-110-020-00 | 80-14-019-032-00 | 80-14-018-032-50 | 80-14-740-024-10 | 80-14-440-014-00 | 80-14-110-011-50 | 80-14-018-070-00 |
| 80-14-018-010-00 | 80-14-740-013-00 | 80-14-110-027-00 | 80-14-110-002-01 | 80-14-018-066-25 | 80-14-740-027-00 | 80-14-740-001-00 | 80-14-110-015-00 |
| 80-14-019-025-05 | 80-14-018-015-30 | 80-14-740-018-01 | 80-14-440-001-01 | 80-14-110-005-00 | 80-14-018-066-30 | 80-14-740-032-00 | 80-14-740-005-00 |
| 80-14-110-018-50 | 80-14-019-029-00 | 80-14-018-029-00 | 80-14-740-022-00 | 80-14-440-009-00 | 80-14-110-009-00 | 80-14-018-067-10 | 80-14-740-038-00 |
| 80-14-740-010-00 | 80-14-110-020-50 | 80-14-019-033-00 | 80-14-018-063-02 | 80-14-740-024-30 | 80-14-440-015-00 | 80-14-110-012-00 | 80-14-018-072-00 |
| 80-14-018-013-01 | 80-14-740-014-00 | 80-14-110-028-00 | 80-14-110-003-00 | 80-14-018-066-27 | 80-14-740-028-00 | 80-14-740-001-10 | 80-14-110-016-00 |
| 80-14-019-026-00 | 80-14-018-015-40 | 80-14-740-019-00 | 80-14-440-004-00 | 80-14-110-006-00 | 80-14-018-066-40 | 80-14-740-033-00 | 80-14-740-003-00 |
| 80-14-110-019-00 | 80-14-019-030-00 | 80-14-018-031-00 | 80-14-740-023-00 | 80-14-440-012-00 | 80-14-110-010-00 | 80-14-018-068-00 | 80-14-019-020-00 |
| 80-14-740-011-60 | 80-14-110-022-00 | 80-14-110-001-25 | 80-14-018-066-18 | 80-14-740-025-00 | 80-14-440-018-00 | 80-14-110-013-00 | 80-14-110-017-00 |
| 80-14-018-014-00 | 80-14-740-014-10 | 80-14-110-029-00 | 80-14-110-004-00 | 80-14-018-066-28 | 80-14-740-029-00 | 80-14-740-001-50 | 80-14-740-007-00 |
| 80-14-019-027-00 | 80-14-018-019-00 | 80-14-740-020-00 | 80-14-440-005-00 | 80-14-110-007-00 | 80-14-018-066-50 | 80-14-740-035-00 | |
| 80-14-110-019-50 | 80-14-019-031-00 | 80-14-018-032-40 | 80-14-740-024-01 | 80-14-440-013-00 | 80-14-110-011-00 | 80-14-018-069-00 | |

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Township Board has received plans showing the proposed aquatic plant control project, associated activities, any proposed improvements and locations thereof, together with an estimate of the cost of the project in the amount of $60,000 (including administrative costs), and has placed the same on file with the Township clerk; has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make the improvement and to create the special assessment district; and has tentatively found the petitions for the improvement in compliance with the statutory requirements. The plans, cost estimates and special assessment district may be examined at the Clerk's office from the date of this Notice to the date of the public hearing and may further be examined at such public hearing.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a public hearing on the plans, district, cost estimates and the carryover of any surplus funds from any expiring special assessment district will be held at the **Paw Paw Township Hall at 114 N. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan** commencing at **6:00 p.m. on August 11, 2025**. At the hearing, the Board will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the clerk at or before the hearing and any objections or comments raised at the hearing. If written objections are filed with the township board at or before the hearing, signed by the record owners of land constituting more than 20% of the area within the proposed special assessment district, then the township board may not proceed unless petitions in support of the project, signed by record owners of more than 50% of the area to be made into a special assessment district, are filed with the township. Following the hearing, the township board may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, cost estimates or special assessment district.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that appearance and protest at the public hearing is required in order to appeal to the State Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the special assessment roll is confirmed. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file at or before the hearing his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. All interested persons are invited to be present in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the establishment of the special assessment district, the plans, cost estimates or the carryover of surplus funds from any expiring special assessment district.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that if the township board determines to proceed with the special assessments, the board will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessments.

Paw Paw Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon seven (7) days' notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk.

Rebecca Payne
Paw Paw Township Clerk
114 N. Gremps Street
Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-4340

# County completes successful live test of public alert system

PAW PAW - Van Buren County Sheriff Dan Abbott and Undersheriff Casey Davis, along with the Van Buren County Office of Domestic Preparedness/Emergency Management, announced the successful completion of Wednesday, July 16, scheduled live test of the Public Alerting System.

"As part of our commitment to public safety, this test at 10:50 a.m., - advertised in advance - was conducted through TV and radio broadcasts, as well as mobile phone emergency alerts, to help ensure that the Emergency Alert System (EAS) functions as expected during a real emergency," said Sheriff Abbott.

He added, "We thank all community members for your attention during this brief test. These scheduled drills help us prepare for potential events such as: severe weather, hazardous material incidents, natural disasters, and any widespread public safety emergency," said Sheriff Abbott.

# Michigan Maritime Museum hosts Sweetwater Film Showcase

**By James Windell**

The first ever film festival sponsored by the Michigan Maritime Museum will take place on Thursday, July 24 and Friday, July 25, 2025.

Called the Sweetwater Film Showcase, the two-day event is part of the Museum's Whispers Across the Water series and features compelling short and feature-length documentaries that dive deep into the human stories woven into the region's maritime history.

"We're very excited about this," says Ashley Deming, the Museum's Director of Education & Programs. "It is the very first film showcase we have ever done. We have held screenings before of documentary films, but this will be our first time showing multiple documentaries over a two-day period."

Among the 10 films in the festival will be the multi award-winning documentary "The Fish Thief: A Great Lakes Mystery" narrated by Academy Award winning actor J.K. Simmons. This riveting true story is a documentary from Skyhound Media and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission that tells the story of an environmental crisis that nearly destroyed one of the world's most treasured fisheries. It unravels a hidden catastrophe that impacted industries, communities, and livelihoods on both sides of the U.S.- Canada border as it recounts how the Great Lakes were devastated by the sea lamprey, a parasitic invader that decimated the lake trout population.

"There are different films on many different topics," Deming says. "The film 'Ripples: Casting for Change,' for instance, is from students from Harbor Springs where they are doing a little pushback against male-dominated recreational activities."

On Thursday, July 24, the festival's first day, there will be seven films. In addition to "Ripples: Casting for Change," featuring six elementary school girls in the middle of Lake Michigan testing their fly-fishing skills, there will be a showing of "Boblo Boats: A Detroit Ferry Tale" and "Lake Leelanau, Spirit of the Lake." The latter documentary focuses on insightful interviews with expert historians who trace Lake Leelanau's story from its formation by ancient glaciers to its significance for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and early settlers.

The Friday, July 25 schedule includes "The Fish Thief" as well as two other longer films: "Nme the Tribal Way," which examines the lake sturgeon's life cycle from hatching eggs to spawning adults, and "The Negotiator: Billy Caldwell," a documentary that explores the life of the Métis leader who navigated shifting alliances and treaties in early Chicago, striving to protect Native land and people during turbulent times.

"There will be panel discussions with the filmmaker's representatives that will follow each showing," adds Deming. "This is all included in the price of admission and once you've purchased a ticket for the day, you can leave the museum and return."

The Sweetwater Film Showcase is sponsored by the Horton Family in honor of Gary Horton. Festival times run from 10:30 am until 3:30 pm on both July 24 and July 25 at Michigan Maritime Museum, 260 Dyckman Ave., South Haven. Tickets are $20 per day or $15 per day for Museum members including access to all film screenings for the day, panel discussions, and Museum admission. Popcorn and non-alcoholic drinks are available for purchase at the event. Seating is limited and advance registration is encouraged.

For film schedules and other information or to reserve tickets, visit www.MichiganMaritimeMuseum.org/sweetwater-film-showcase

# Public hearing for Palisades restart scheduled

FEMA, state and local officials will conduct a public briefing August 5, 2025, for residents to learn about emergency public health and safety plans and preparations for the restart of the Holtec Palisades, LLC nuclear power plant.

Officials from the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and county emergency management offices in the vicinity of the plant will provide an overview of preparedness plans and how they would function in the event of an emergency. FEMA officials will outline the review and approval process of those plans and provide a brief overview of the July 29 preparedness exercise. The exercise—part of FEMA's Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program—assesses the ability of the state of Michigan, Van Buren County, Allegan County and Berrien County to respond to an emergency at the Holtec Palisades nuclear power plant.

Details for the public briefing are as follows:

WHAT: Public Briefing on Emergency Plans and Preparations for the Holtec Palisades Nuclear

Power Plant Restart

WHEN:Tuesday, August 5, 2025, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

WHERE:Van Buren Intermediate School District Conference Center, 490 S. Paw Paw St., Lawrence, MI 49064

Residents will also have the opportunity to suggest improvements or changes to the emergency plans briefed during the meeting. Those who cannot attend the briefing in person may submit comments no later than August 8, 2025, by emailing FEMA-PublicComment-Palisades@fema.dhs.gov.

# 1913 Mystery of Dr. Six to be explained at Lawrence Twp. Hall

LAWRENCE - Members of the Van Buren County Historical Society will explain the Dr. Six family deaths of early 1913 at the Lawrence Township Hall, 411 N. Paw Paw St., Lawrence, on Aug. 3, at 2 p.m.

On Feb. 6, 1913, in Lawrence, Mrs. Bernice Six and her 10-year-old daughter, Dorothy, died after a house fire. Five weeks later, husband, Dr. Arthur Six, died in private, by suicide. Later, at the coroner's inquest, Dr. Six was charged with the murders of Bernice and Dorothy by poison and legal proceedings continued for months.

In the midst of all this, Dr. Six' secret lover, a local schoolteacher, quietly left Michigan.

And that's only the beginning. In 1913, people were divided over who or what caused the three deaths of the Dr. Six family.

Historical Society member Geoff Abrams said, "I think we're going to be presenting more information in one place about these deaths than has ever been done before. We're going to present the story in such a way that people can come to their own conclusions."

**NOTICE**
**CITY OF GOBLES**

Notice of a vacancy on the Gobles City Commission.

Letters from Qualified Electors wishing to be considered to complete the term through 11/27 will be accepted through Wednesday, August 14, 2025at Gobles City Hall, 105 E. Main St., P.O.Box 38, Gobles, MI 49055

Please call Gobles City Hall at 269-628-2246 for questions or more information.

**VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN**
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** GIVEN that the Village of Mattawan Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing to consider a Variance Request received from **Edward Kucinich and Florence Kucinich** for property located at **23968 E. McGillen Avenue, Mattawan property ID # 80-46-700-057-20** requesting a variance from the Village of Mattawan Zoning Ordinance Article 10 Section 10.30 (M) Automotive Fueling Stations including those combined with convenience stores.

1169-B17 12-3-13 594-548 986-257+258 *** BEG SW COR; TH N00D32'22"E 311.69 FT; S87D54'13"E 330.37 FT; S00D32'22"W 311.24 FT; N87D58'58"W 330.36 FT TO POB. *** SPLIT ON 11/14/2024 FROM 80-46-700-057-01; FOR 2025

**The variance, if granted, would allow for a building size larger than one-thousand (1000) square feet.**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a Public Hearing on said request will be held on **August 11, 2025, before the Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:00 p.m.** in the Village meeting room at which time all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The meeting will be held in the Village Office meeting room at the address below. Please send all written comments to:

Village of Mattawan
24221 Front Avenue
Mattawan, MI 49071
(269) 668-2128 • offices@mattawanmi.com
Jolie Storm-Artis, Village Clerk

**NOTICE OF PAW PAW TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**

The Paw Paw Township Board of Trustees approved the following amendments to the Paw Paw Township Zoning Ordinance:

1. Amendment of Section 42-5.08 C to allow "contractor's services" as a special land use in the Neighborhood Convenience Commercial District.
2. Amendment of Section 2.02 related to solar energy definitions, amendment to strike Section 8.26, and an amendment of Section 8.27 Solar Energy to revise the requirements for solar energy systems.

Copies of related materials and the full Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map are available for review at the Paw Paw Township Hall during regular business hours (114 N. Gremps St., Paw Paw, MI, 49079). Relevant information is available by request- call 269-657-4340 or email clerk@pawpawtownship.org.

Planning Commission Public Hearing (solar): April 15, 2025

Planning Commission Public Hearing (contractor's services): May 20, 2025

Township Board Adoption: July 14, 2025

Publication Date: July 24, 2025

Effective Date: July 31, 2025

**ANTWERP TOWNSHIP**
**VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Ackley Lake Eradication Special Assessment District**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board held a public hearing on July 8, 2025 where the Board heard comments and objections to the creation of Eradication of special assessment district and the proposed cost estimate for eradication of invasive species. The Board intends to consider a resolution approving the validity of the petitions, creating the special assessment district and approving the cost estimate at its regular Board meeting on August 12,2025.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will also hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 12,2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 24821 Front Avenue Mattawan, MI 49071,** to review and hear any objections regarding the special assessment roll which spreads the 2025 cost and expenses on all lots and parcels located within the 13 lot owners along Ackley Lake residing in Antwerp Township, pursuant to Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended. The special assessments on the roll are to be billed with the December 2025 winter tax bill.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the amount proposed to be assessed to each of the 13 lot owners within the Antwerp Township along Ackley Lake Eradication of invasive species will be **$196.86** for 2025 winter tax bill.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the proposed special assessment roll may be inspected at the office of the Township Clerk, 24821 Front Avenue Mattawan, MI 49071, within the Township on regular business days of such office and may also be inspected at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the public hearing, the Township Board will review said proposed special assessment roll and any comments or objections thereto which may be made or filed with the Board at, or prior to, the time of said public hearing, and will consider any revisions, amendments or changes to said proposed special assessment roll.

Appearance and protest at this public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the proposed special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest or his or her agent may appear in person at this hearing to protest the special assessment or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance to protest by letter received at or before the public hearing. If such letter of protest is filed, personal appearance of the person protesting will not be required.

An owner or person having an interest in the parcel or lot being assessed, who has appeared at the hearing in the manner herein before indicated, may file a written appeal of his or her or its special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within a maximum of thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll by the Township Board.

Antwerp Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon three (3) days' notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Clerk, Chantel Reyna, at the address or telephone number listed below.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the time and place to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing, or to protest the proposed special assessment roll.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
Chantel Reyna, Clerk
Antwerp Township
24821 Front Avenue
Mattawan, MI 49071
(269) 668-2615

# CLASSIFIEDS

**• WANTED •**

**WE BUY OLD BASEBALL CARDS, OTHER SPORTS MEMORABILIA AND OLD VINTAGE COINS. CAN BE REACHED AT 517-416-1629. WE PAY CASH.**

**CLARK'S AUTO PARTS, INC.** is buying cars, trucks & all metals for recycling. Lawrence, 674-4905 or 1-800-707-8650.

**STANDING TIMBER.**
Top Michigan lumber manufacturer seeking landowners with 25 or more mature hardwood trees to sell. Qualityhardwoodsinc.com • 517-566-8061.

**• SERVICES •**

**TIM'S STUMP GRINDING SERVICE-** I believe in respectable service. 269-299-5052, 269-624-6884.

**GRANT DALY PAINTING**: Interior/exterior residential, commercial, industrial. Great references & free estimates. Call 657-7893.

**HAULING, CLEANING RECYCLING.** Moving service. Right Quick Hauling. Dan Wydick, Dustin Wydick, Daniel Wydick, 423-8545. Serving since 1994.

**FIELD PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.** Services all brands of heating & cooling equipment in your home or business. 24/7 service for over 50 years, 269-674-3839.

**BUYING JUNK CARS, trucks, scrap metal and farm machinery. Kalamazoo Metal Recyclers, 1525 King Highway, Kalamazoo. 269-381-1315.**

**BUDGET APPLIANCE SERVICE, 269-685-8902. Call us today for your appliance repair or service needs! Quality service at affordable prices.**

**PRO HANDYMAN SERVICE**
SOUTH HAVEN AREA Call 269-903-6397.

**• SALES •**

**CHURCH ANTIQUE AND RUMMAGE SALE.**
**First Presbyterian Church, 200 Cutler Street. Allegan**
**July 26th - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm**
**July 27 - noon to 5:00 pm**
Antiques, household items, vintage jewelry, collectables, mechanical windup toys, furniture, too much to list.

**• HOUSING•**

**WANTED IN SOUTH HAVEN**
Rental for winter months. Oct 2025 thru April 30, 2026. 3 bedrooms. 240-215-5081.

**MEDICARE INSURANCE RATES GOING UP**
Call for a quote today Janet Bontrager Insurance Advisor
(269) 998-6977

**FOR MORE INFO OR TO PLACE AN AD**

**Call (269) 657-3072 or 657-5080 BEFORE MONDAY AT 5PM**

**GET YOUR NEWS ONLINE**

**Sign Up Today for our E-Paper**
**IT'S EASY**

Just visit our website @ epaper.wilcoxnewspaper.com to start your $20.00 email Subscription.

# SERVICE DIRECTORY

FOR MORE INFO OR TO PLACE AN AD CALL (269) 657-3072 OR 657-5080 BEFORE MONDAY AT 5PM

OFFICE: 269-375-1425
**WESTON SEPTIC, LLC**
RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL
• Septic Tank Pumping • Install Risers
NOW HIRING!
Linda & Russ Weston, Owners

**Tony's LAWN CARE LLC**
"Highest Quality at the Lowest Guaranteed Price"
Free Estimates
Commercial & Residential
269-539-1021
CALL or TEXT

**Double M Construction**
Serving Southwest Michigan and surrounding areas
Metal Roofing
Complete Pole Barn Packages
Free Estimates
(269) 762-9920
56504 Butcher Road, Lawrence, MI 49064

mckenziemi.com 269-657-2548
MCKENZIE INSURANCE
Auto-Owners INSURANCE
LIFE • HOME • CAR • BUSINESS
Insurance for what matters most to you, since 1945.

**Trouble with your water well?**
Low Pressure?
Smelly Water?
No Water?
EARL SANDERS & SON WELL DRILLING INC.
Since 1943
269-806-6730
Email: earlsandersinc@hotmail.com

When protecting your Auto, Home and Life, the
**EXPERIENCE MATTERS.**
Call Derek Lietzau today!
(269) 655-1814
408 W. Michigan Ave. Paw Paw
DerekInsGroup.com
FARM BUREAU INSURANCE A Company

HOME SERVICES INSTALL & REPAIR
JESI WALLACE
(269) 716-6131
Call for your free estimate today!
Paw Paw, Michigan, & Surrounding Areas
homeservicesinstall.com
- Home Maintenance
- Interior & Exterior Repairs
- Tile & Flooring
- Painting
- Lighting

**Jim's Small Engine**
43356 CR 653 Paw Paw MI 49079
Credit Cards Accepted
Chinsaws, mowers, snowblowers pressure washers, generators, etc.
269-674-9403
Larz Boley
Owner
LLC

Jaqua
SOUTH HAVEN'S TOP REAL ESTATE BROKER, 12 YEARS IN A ROW!
YOUR LAKESHORE REAL ESTATE EXPERT
Amy O'Sullivan
Associate Broker
AS SEEN ON HGTV
www.SoldByAmyO.com
513 Broadway St
South Haven, MI 49090
C.269.214.1257 | aosullivan@jaquarealtors.com

**WE CAN DO IT ALL!!**
NO JOB TOO BIG • NO JOB TOO SMALL
Interior/ Exterior Remodels Kitchens Framing Drywall Flooring Baths
HB Handyman Services
269-599-8532
Soffit/ Facia Pressure Washing Roofing Siding Decks etc.
Owner *Chris Hardenbrook*
Chardenbrook82@gmail.com
Residential/Commercial
Free Estimates!!

Plain Jane's ANTIQUES
JANE KESTELOOT
SEEJANESHOP@YAHOO.COM
269•929•6162
- Vintage
- Rustic Decor
- Garden
- Jewelry
- Furniture
- Gift & Trinkets
- Primitives
- Antiquities
- Books
- Signs & Advertising

DOWNTOWN PAW PAW
229 E. Michigan Ave • Paw Paw, MI 49079

THE SHED EVENT RENTAL
TENT RENTAL, TABLES, CHAIRS & MORE
SHEDEVENTRENTAL.COM
INSTAGRAM @ SHEDEVENT
269-550-7945

WATERPROOFING & CONTRACTORS RJ
06-15-15FL
**Wet Basement?**
- Internal/External Drain Tile Systems
- Water Seepage - Structural Wall & Floor Cracks
- Damp Wet Crawl Spaces
- Bowed & Cracked Walls
- Sump Pump/Emergency Backup System
- Mold Removal & Drywall Repair

24 Hour Emergency Service
Senior Discounts
269-337-7660
EXPERIENCED IN ALL METHODS OF BASEMENT WATERPROOFING

BATES HOME REMODELING
**Brent Bates**
Bates5601@gmail.com
269-350-3350
Interior Trim
Tuck Pointing
Aluminum Trim
Pre-Hung Doors
Bee Removal
Carpentry
Tile Installed
Concrete Work
Deck Specialist

WALT & MARIE'S COUNTRY MARKET
CATERING & MORE!
• DINE IN • TAKE OUT • PARTY PLATTERS •
• BUFFET STYLE CATERING •
RENT OUR CAFE FOR YOUR PRIVATE EVENT FOR ONLY $50/HR
• BUSINESS MEETINGS • BIRTHDAY PARTIES • BABY SHOWERS • WEDDINGS • & MORE!
WALT & MARIE'S COUNTRY MARKET
44947 W RED ARROW HWY
PAW PAW, MI
269-657-7570

OLíVE CART
Curating Noteworthy Flavors
oliveoilstoremichigan.com
424 PHOENIX ST
SOUTH HAVEN, MI
(269) 637-4754
421 STATE ST
ST. JOSEPH, MI
(269) 281-0120

BRINKER BROTHERS OUTDOOR LIVING
CUSTOMIZE YOUR OUTDOOR LIVING
269-806-4141
SERVICES
Azenco Pergolas
MagnaTrack Motorized Screens
Outdoor Kitchens
Decks & Railings
Outdoor Lighting
Endless Outdoor Features
Check out our website to see everything we offer
brinkerbrothersoutdoorliving.com

CAR CONNECTION
AUTO BODY AND SALES
FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED SINCE 1983
Auto Body • Collision Repair • Insurance Work
Paint • Minor rust repair • Auto sales
Hours of operation • Mon - Fri; 9am to 5pm
22671 Red Arrow Hwy.,Mattawan, MI 49071
269-668-2379 • carconn.abs@gmail.com

J&S TREE SERVICES LLC
30 years in business
Free Estimates
Specialize in storm damage
Tree Removal • Tree Trimming
Stump Grinding
269-207-1682
Gobles, MI

Coastal Clean
housekeeping • home watch • handyman
Family Owned & Serving Southwest Michigan Since 2003
We're in your neighborhood!
- Residential cleaning
- Home Watch Services
- Commercial Cleaning
- Handyman Services
269-639-1515 • coastalclean.net

ROOFING & CONTRACTING
Protecting SW Michigan Properties For Over 20 Years!
ROOFING | SIDING | GUTTERS
269-359-ROOF ▪ aecroof.com ▪ Paw Paw, MI

COUNTY LINE NURSERIES SINCE 1942
DESIGN AND INSTALL LOCAL PLANT MATERIALS GROWN AT OUR OWN NURSERY
outdoor spaces, paver walks, pergolas
large variety of locally grown trees
decorative shrubs and greenery
new industry leading products
irrigation systems
outdoor kitchens
CALL MIKE AT 269.621.4543
www.CountyLineNurseries.net
Like us on Facebook.
*Competitive pricing, cutting out the middleman. Special discounts for Veterans and Seniors.*

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SERVICES
We Design to fit *your* lifestyle.
269-639-9000
www.LandscapeDS.com
A Bakker Family Business since 1968
Lawn Fertilization and Weed Control
Your Local Lawn & Landscape Experts

BOB TOLSMA PLUMBING
Bob Tolsma • 4215 Lincoln Rd., Holland, MI 49423
Office (616)836-1197 • bob@tolsmaplumbing.com
- New Constrution
- Remodels Insured
- Water heaters
- Water Softeners
- Water & Sewer Hookups
- 24 HR Emergency

LET ME FILL YOUR POOL
letmefillyourpool.net
FRITZ FARM TRANSPORT LLC
269-427-5039
BANGOR, MI 49013
Clean Water Call For Rates
Allegan, Bangor, Bloomingdale, Coloma, Covert, Gobles, Hartford, Lawrence, Lawton, Kalamazoo, Mattawan, Oshtemo, Paw Paw, Portage, South Haven, Stevensville, St Joseph, Watervliet and surrounding communities

Your Local Market Expert
CENTURY 21 Affiliated
RYAN SERVATIUS
BROKER
25 Years of Real Estate Excellence.
Century 21 Affiliated SoHa
253 Center Street
South Haven, MI 49090
EMAIL: INFO@CALLRYAN.COM
CALL OR TEXT: 269.252.7926
WEBSITE: CALLRYAN.COM
Recoginized as Areas Most Awarded Broker

**Rent a Water Softener for $35/mo.**
Add an RO for only $5/mo more.
* *Call for details*
Gordon WATER SYSTEMS
269-382-0068

SKP DESIGN STUDIO + SHOWROOM
Interior Design
110 W. Allegan St.
(M-89) Otsego, MI
269.377.6645
www.skpdesign.com
Sondra@skpdesign.com

# BUILD A BETTER BURGER SALE

# VILLAGE MARKET
FOOD CENTERS
YOUR HOMETOWN STORE

**2025: AD EFFECTIVE DATES**

| MON. JULY 21 | TUES. JULY 22 | WED. JULY 23 | THUR. JULY 24 | FRI. JULY 25 | SAT. JULY 26 | SUN. JULY 27 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

Village Market, Fresh
## Ground Hamburger
5 lb. or more pkg.
**$4.49 lb.**

Certified Fresh
## Ground Beef From Round
3 lb. or more pkg.
**$5.99 lb.**

Certified Fresh
## Ground Beef From Sirloin
3 lb. or more pkg.
**$6.99 lb.**

## Meadowland Farms Prime Rib Patties
**$9.99 lb.**

Village Market, Fresh
## Ground Round Burger Patties
Family Pack
**$6.99 lb.**

## Kraft Singles
Jalapeño, Garlic & Herb or Caramelized Onion
10.7 oz.
**2/$5**

Select Varieties
## Dutch Farms Natural Cheese Slices
6 oz.
(excludes swiss)
BUY ONE, GET ONE
**FREE!**

## Dutch Farms American Cheese Singles
12 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
**FREE!**

## Aunt Millie's Live Carb Smart Hamburger or Hot Dog Buns
(8 ct.)
or **Live Smart Hawaiian Dinner Rolls** (12 ct.)
**$4.99**

## Our Family Corn Dusted Kaiser or Brioche Buns
17 - 18.5 oz.
**2/$6**

## Head Lettuce
**2/$3**

## Tomatoes On-the-Vine
**$1.69 lb.**

## Red Onion
**88¢ lb.**

## Sweet Vidalia Onions
**99¢ lb.**

Select Varieties
## Our Family Olives
3.8 - 6 oz.
**2/$4**

Select Varieties
## Mt. Olive Pickles
24 oz.
**2/$7**

Select Varieties
## Heinz Ketchup
31 - 38 oz.
**$4.49**

Select Varieties
## Our Family Mustard
12 oz.
**2/$3**

Select Varieties
## Kraft Mayo
30 oz.
**$6.99**

## Good Cook Stainless Slotted Turner Cooking Utensil
each
**$5.99**

## Our Family Bath Tissue
Ultra Strong or Ultra Soft
6 ct. mega roll
**2/$11**
Save at least $5.78 on 2

Select Varieties
## Bays English Muffins
6 ct.
**2/$5**
Save at least $3.78 on 2

Select Varieties
## Nabisco or Kellogg's Snack Crackers
5.75 - 13.7 oz.
**2/$7**
Save at least $2.98 on 2

Select Varieties
## Boulder Canyon Kettle Chips
5.25 - 6.5 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
**FREE!**
Save at least $4.79 on 2

Assorted Varieties
## Pepsi Products
(24 pk., 12 oz. cans) or **Gatorade** (18 pk.)
**$10.99**
Save at least $3.00 on 1

**We reserve the right to limit quantities.** We are not providing rain checks due to supply chain issues.

# Fresh Produce

## At Great Prices!

**Washington Cherries**

$2.49 lb.

**Local Blueberries**

5 lb.

$15.99

Select Varieties

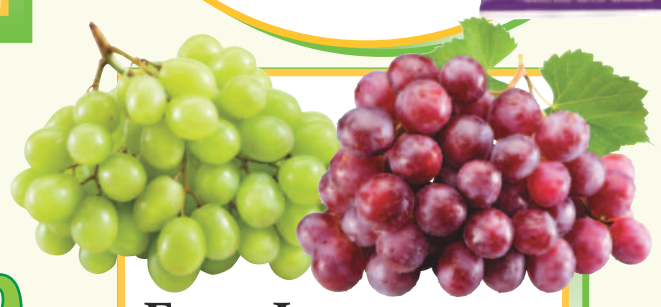
**Fresh Express Salad Kits**

9.4 - 12.3 oz.

2/$7

**Mini Cucumbers**

16 oz. ..... $1.99



**Extra Large Green or Red Grapes**

$2.99 lb.

**Local Blueberries**

pint .....

BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE!

**Our Family Idaho Potatoes**

5 lb. ..... $2.49

Premium

**Euro Nectarines or Peaches** ..... $2.99 lb.

## Organic PRODUCE

Select Varieties

**Earthbound Farm Salad Mixes**

5 oz.

2/$7

**Organic Cantaloupe**

each

$3.99

**Organic Raspberries**

6 oz.

$3.99

## floral center

**4.5 Inch Mini Gerbera Daisy**

each

$5.99

**Fresh & Finest Garden Bouquet**

each

$15.99

# Fresh Deli

DIETZ & WATSON

Available At Our Colon, Decatur & Gobles Locations Only.

Select Varieties

**Dietz & Watson Ham**

$9.99 lb.

Save at least $1.00 lb.

Save at least $1.00 lb.

**Dietz & Watson Baby Swiss Cheese**

$8.99 lb.

Grab 'N Go

**12-Piece Deli Fried Chicken**

$17.99

Save at least $1.00

**Whole Slab of Ribs**

each

$16.99

Save at least $3.00

**Grandma's Salads**

Macaroni Salad, Cole Slaw, Mustard or Original Potato Salad

$3.49 lb.

Save at least 50¢ lb.

Select Varieties

**Old Wisconsin Snack Bites**

8 oz.

$7.69

Save at least $1.60

**3 Bean Salad**

$6.99 lb.

Save at least 50¢ lb.

$5.99 **Daily Lunch Specials** Monday - Friday 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**Monday, July 21:**

1/2 Panini of the Day

includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

**Tuesday, July 22:**

Chicken Breast Sandwich

includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

**Wednesday, July 23:**

2-Piece Chicken

includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side **(Limit 1 Breast)**

**Thursday, July 24:**

Pulled Pork Sandwich

includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

**Friday, July 25:**

2-Piece Bratwurst

includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

# Fresh Bakery

Not Available In All Stores.

**San Francisco Sourdough Bread**

20 oz.

$3.99

Save at least 50¢

**Onion Buns**

(6 ct.) or

**Hamburger Buns**

(8 ct.)

$3.49

Save at least 50¢

Fresh Baked

**White Bread**

16 oz.

$2.49

Save at least 50¢

Fresh Baked

**Strawberry Rhubarb Pie**

8-inch

$7.99

Save at least $1.00

Select Varieties

**Cream Pies**

8-inch

$11.99

Save at least $1.00

Select Varieties

**Mini Donuts**

4 ct.

$4.99

Save at least $1.00

MURK 07-21 161 P2

# USDA Certified Tender

**Rib-Eye Steak • Rib-Eye Roast • New York Strip Loin Roast • Beef Tenderloin**
**New York Strip Steak • T-Bone Steak • Porterhouse Steak**

www.processverified.usda.gov

Mix or Match
Village Market, All Natural

## Boneless Pork Sirloin Chops

Thin, Regular, Stuffed, Tenderized or BBQ

BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE

**FREE!**

Grade A, Fresh

## Chicken Leg Quarters

10 lb. bag

**$7.99**

Fresh Smokehouse Dry Rub BBQ Seasoned Chicken Leg Quarters $1.19 lb.

Village Market, All Natural, Fresh

## Pork Steak

Family Pack

**$2.49 lb.**

Lesser Amount Pkg. $2.69 lb.

All Natural, Fresh Grade A

## Boneless, Skinless Chicken Thighs

Family Pack

**$3.99 lb.**

Village Market
All Natural, Fresh

## Pork Strips

Family Pack

**$2.69 lb.**

BBQ Seasoned Pork Country Style Strips $3.29 lb.

Tender Ridge, Choice Angus

## Boneless Beef Eye of the Round Steak

Family Pack

**$8.49 lb.**

Tender Ridge Angus Boneless Beef Tenderized Eye of the Round Steak Family Pack $8.99 lb.

Village Market, All Natural

## St. Louis Style Spare Ribs

**$3.99 lb.**

Tender Ridge, Choice Angus

## Beef T-Bone Steak

Family Pack

**$13.99 lb.**

# Butcher Shoppe Specialties

Village Market, Store Made

**Chicago Style Polish Loop Sausage**

**$3.99 lb.**

Village Market, Store Made, Fresh

**Bulk Original Pork Sausage**

**$3.29 lb.**

Village Market, Store Made

**Brats**

Bacon & Cheddar, Pineapple or Blueberry

**$3.99 lb.**

Village Market, Store Made
Select Varieties

**Ground Round Club Burger**

**$7.99 lb.**

Select Varieties

**Land O'Frost DeliShaved Lunch Meat**

7.5 - 9 oz.

**2/$5**

Select Varieties

**Oscar Mayer Carving Board or Deli Shaved Lunch Meat**, 6 - 9 oz.

**$5.99**

Select Varieties

**Bob Evans Frozen Links, Patties or Roll Sausage**

12 - 16 oz.

**$3.99**

**Field Braunschweiger**

16 oz.

**$3.49**

Select Varieties

**Oscar Mayer Lunchables**

8.7 - 10.7 oz.

**2/$6**

**Our Family Bacon**

Thick or Regular

16 oz.

**$4.99**

# tasty seafood

**Yellow Fin Tuna Steak**

6 oz.

**$4.99**

**Superior Lobster Mac N Cheese**

Homestyle or Gourmet

14 oz. ..... **$5.99**

EZ-Peel

**Our Family Raw Shrimp**

16 - 20 ct., 16 oz. ..... **$8.49**

Peeled & Deveined, Tail-On

**Our Family Cooked Shrimp**

41 - 50 ct., 16 oz. ..... **$8.99**

Select Varieties

**Wholey Meal Kits**

24 oz.

**$5.99**

# 4/$5 Sale

Select Varieties
## Hostess Single Serve Snacks
2.7 - 4.75 oz.

**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Jell-O Gelatin or Pudding Mix
.3 - 3.9 oz.

**4/$5**

## Cheez-It Grab 'N Go Crackers
Original or White Cheddar
3 oz.

**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Our Family Pudding
4 ct.

**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Our Family Marshmallows
10 - 10.5 oz.

**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Our Family Microwave Popcorn
3 ct.

**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Pringles Single Serve Potato Crisps
2.36 - 2.5 oz.

**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## BodyArmor SuperDrink
16 oz.

**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Kraft Macaroni & Cheese
5.5 - 7.25 oz.

**4/$5**

## Fresh & Soft Round Top White Bread
16 oz.

**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Our Family Croutons
5 oz.

**4/$5**

## Our Family Mushrooms Stems & Pieces
Regular or No Salt
4 oz.

**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Our Family Mashed Potatoes
4 oz.

**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Hackney Frostie Soda
32 oz.
(plus deposit)

**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Chicken of the Sea Sardines or Tuna
2.5 - 5 oz.

**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## White Claw Hard Seltzer
12 pk., 12 oz. cans
(plus deposit)..... **$18.99**

Select Varieties
## Robert Mondavi Wine
1.5 liter..... **$11.99**

Select Varieties
## Crav'n Flavor Graham Crackers
14.4 oz..... **2/$5**

Select Varieties
## LaCroix Sparkling Water
12 pk., 12 oz. cans
(plus deposit)

**2/$10**

Save at least $2.98 on 2

Assorted Varieties
## Faygo Products
8 pk., 12 oz. btls.
(plus deposit)

**2/$6**

Save at least $1.98 on 2

Select Varieties
## Hellmann's Mayo
20 - 30 oz.

**$5.99**

Save at least $2.00 on 1

Assorted Varieties
## Coke Products
2 liter
(plus deposit)

**2/$6**

Save at least $1.98 on 2

Select Varieties
## Monster Energy Drinks
(4 pk., 16 oz. cans)
(plus deposit); or
**Dasani Water**
(24 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.)

**$6.99**

## Coors Light or Miller Lite
(18 pk. cans), **Corona:** Light, Extra Light, EX or Premier, **Modelo Especial**, **Bell's Oberon:** Original or Light, **Blue Moon:** Belgian White or Light Sky (12 pk. cans or btls.), **Leinenkugel:** Seasonal Shandy, Lodge Pack, Grapefruit Shandy or Juicy Peach (12 pk. cans) or **Leinenkugel:** Berry Weiss or Seasonal Shandy (12 pk. btls.) or **The Finnish Long Drink** Seasonal Variety (8 pk.)
(plus deposit)

**$15.99**

Save at least $2.40 on 1

Select Varieties
## On The Border Tortilla Chips
8 -11 oz.

**2/$5**

Save at least $3.58 on 2

Select Varieties
## Bubly Sparkling Water
(8 pk., 12 oz. cans)
(plus deposit); or
**Gatorade Sports Drinks**
(6 pk. btls.)

**2/$8**

Assorted Varieties
## Pepsi Products
12 pk., 12 oz. cans or
8 pk., 12 oz. btl.
(plus deposit)

**$6.99**

Save at least $2.00 on 1

Assorted Varieties
## Pepsi Products
2 liter (plus deposit); or
**Lipton Iced Tea** or
**Pure Leaf** (64 oz.)

**2/$5**

Select Varieties
## Frito-Lay Cheetos (7 - 8.5 oz.), Cheetos Popcorn (6.5 - 10 oz.) or Fritos Corn Chips
(9.25 - 10 oz.) (excludes organic)

Select Varieties
## Frito-Lay Party Size Snacks
12 - 17 oz.

**$5.69**

**2/$8**

Save at least $3.78 on 2

# 4/$5 Sale

Select Varieties
## Creamette Pasta
12 - 16 oz.
**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Tippy Toes Baby Food Pouches
3.5 oz.
**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Our Family Dryer Sheets
40 ct.
**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Oui by Yoplait Yogurt
5 oz.
**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Chobani Greek Yogurt
5.3 oz.
**4/$5**

## Cracker Barrel Bites
Extra Sharp Yellow & Extra Sharp White or Cheddar Jack & Havarti
1.58 oz.
**4/$5**

## Country Fresh French Onion Dip
8 oz.
**4/$5**

## Goodrich Malt Cup
each
**4/$5**

## TruMoo Chocolate Milk
Whole or 1%; or
**Dairy Pure**
Whole or 2% Milk
11 oz.
**4/$5**

## Country Fresh Purified Drinking Water
gallon
**4/$5**

## Fast Shake Pancake Mix
5 - 5.3 oz.
**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Our Family Frozen Lemonade
12 oz. can
**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Michelina's Frozen Dinners
4.5 - 8.5 oz.
**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## El Monterey Chimichangas or Burritos
4.5 - 4.8 oz.
**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Banquet Pot Pies
7 oz.
**4/$5**

Select Varieties
## Little Debbie Family Pack Mini Donuts
8.62 - 10.5 oz.
**3/$7**

Select Varieties
## Betty Crocker Brownie or Cookie Mix
13.1 - 19.1 oz.
**2/$6**

Select Varieties
## Glad Kitchen Bags
25 - 68 ct.
**$9.99**

Select Varieties
## Soft 'N Good, Hillbilly, Sunbeam, Holsum or Aunt Millie's Deluxe Bread
20 - 22 oz.
**2/$4**
Save at least $3.18 on 2

Select Varieties
**Aunt Millie's Live Carb Smart Bread**
14 oz.
**$4.99**

Select Varieties
## Our Family Deluxe Mac & Cheese Dinners
12 - 14 oz.
**2/$4**
Save at least $3.38 on 2

Select Varieties
## General Mills Cereal (10.6 - 12 oz.) or Treat Bars (6.8 oz.); or Nature Valley or Fiber One Bars (5 - 6 ct.)
**$3.99**
Save at least 60¢ on 1

Select Varieties
## Maxwell House Ground Coffee
9.9 - 11.5 oz.
**$4.99**
Save at least $2.80 on 1

Select Varieties
**Starbucks K-Cups** (10 - 12 ct.) or **Ground Coffee** (11 - 12 oz.)
**$8.99**

Select Varieties
## Barilla Pasta or Pasta Sauce
6.2 - 24 oz.
**2/$5**
Save at least 98¢ on 2

Select Varieties
## Bear Naked Granola or Cereal (11 - 12 oz.), Kellogg's Cereal (12 - 17.3 oz.) or Post Cereal (18 - 29 oz.)
**$3.99**
Save at least $2.00 on 1

## OLD EL PASO SALE

Select Varieties
## Old El Paso Taco or Fajita Seasoning
.85 - 1 oz.
**3/$3**

Select Varieties
## Old El Paso Enchilada Sauce or Refried Beans
10 - 16 oz.
**2/$3**

Select Varieties
## Old El Paso Stand 'N Stuff Taco Shells
(4.7 oz.) or **Corn** or **Flour Taco Shells** or **Tortillas** (10 - 12 ct.)
**2/$4**

Select Varieties
## Snuggle Liquid Fabric Softener or Sheets
(66.1 - 90 oz. or 200 ct.); or **Purex Laundry Detergent** (128 - 150 oz.)
**$9.99**
Save at least $1.00 on 2

# dairy savings - dairy savings

Select Varieties
**Coffee mate Coffee Creamer**
28 - 32 oz.
**2/$7**
Save at least $3.58 on 2

Select Varieties
**Our Family Cottage Cheese or Sour Cream**
24 oz.
**2/$6**
Save at least 98¢ on 2

**Our Family Homogenized or TruMoo Chocolate Milk**
Whole or 1%, gallon
**$3.88**
Save at least 11¢ on 1

**Philadelphia Cream Cheese**
Original or 1/3 Less Fat
8 oz. box
**$3.49**
Save at least 50¢ on 1

Select Varieties
**Dutch Farms Shredded Cheese**
2 lb.
**$7.99**
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Select Varieties
**Almond Breeze Almond Milk**
64 oz.
**$2.99**
Save at least $1.50 on 1

Select Varieties
**Pillsbury Rolls**
4 - 10.2 oz.
**2/$4**
Save at least $2.78 on 2

**Kraft Mozzarella String Cheese**
12 ct.
**$4.99**
Save at least $1.40 on 1

# frozen favorites - frozen favorites

Select Varieties
**Hudsonville Ice Cream**
48 oz.
**$3.99**
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Select Varieties
**Bellatoria Ultra Thin Pizza**
11.81 - 19.41 oz.
**$4.99**
Save at least $3.00 on 1

Select Varieties
**Häagen-Dazs Ice Cream** (28 oz.) or **Vanilla Almond Bars** (6 ct.)
**$7.99**
Save at least $1.00 on 1

Select Varieties
**Our Family Onion Rings or Potatoes**, 16 - 32 oz.
**2/$6**
Save at least $3.18 on 2

Select Varieties
**Our Family Steamable or Regular Frozen Vegetables**
12 - 14 oz.
**3/$4**
Save at least $3.77 on 3

Select Varieties
**Nestlé Drumstick Ice Cream Cones**, 4 ct.
**$3.99**
Save at least $2.70 on 1

Select Varieties
**Our Family Frozen Fruit**
40 oz.
**$7.99**
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Select Varieties
**Bagel Bites**
7.75 - 14 oz.
**$4.99**
Save at least $2.30 on 1

# health & beauty and general merchandise

Select Varieties
**White Rain Shampoo or Conditioner** (12 - 15 oz.), **Hand Soap** (6 - 11.25 oz.), **Body Wash** (12 oz.) or **Bar Soap** (2 ct.)
**2/$3**

**TopCare Aloe Vera Gel**
16 oz.
**$3.99**

**Banana Boat Aloe After Sun Lotion**
16 oz.
**$6.99**

**Simply Done Non-Scratch Scrubber Dish Wand**
each ..... **$2.99**

Select Varieties
**Simply Done Gloves**
Vinyl Disposable (10 ct.) or Latex Lined (1 ct.) ..... **$2.99**

Select Varieties
**Simply Done All Purpose Microfiber Cloth**
3 ct. ..... **$5.99**

**Simply Done Durable Food Storage Containers**
Small or Medium, each ..... **2/$10**

Select Varieties
**TopCare Nail Care, Liners, Cotton Balls or Toothbrushes**
1 - 100 ct.
**4/$5**

Select Varieties
**TopCare Makeup Remover Wipes**
25 - 30 ct.
**$4.99**

**TopCare Arthritis Pain Relief**
24 ct. capsules
**$2.99**

Select Varieties
**TopCare Bandages**
10 - 60 ct.
**2/$3**

**TopCare Dental Floss**
Regular or Mint Waxed
100 yd.
**2/$3**

**TopCare Odor Free Pain Relief Cream with Lidocaine**
2.7 oz.
**$6.99**

**TopCare Pain Relief Gel Patch with Lidocaine**
4% (6 ct.) or **Hot & Cold Pain Relief Gel Patch with Lidocaine** (5 ct.)
**$9.99**

**Goody Ouchless Elastics Neon**
30 ct. ..... **$4.99**

Select Varieties
**Sensodyne Toothpaste**
3.4 oz. ..... **$7.99**

Select Varieties
**Tresemmé Shampoo or Conditioner** (28 oz.) or **Volumizing Dry Shampoo** (7.3 oz.)
**$7.39**

Select Varieties
**Tresemmé Hair Spray, Mousse or Gel**
7 -11 oz. ..... **$6.99**

Select Varieties
**L. Ultra Liners or Pads**
Regular or Organic Cotton
30 - 100 ct. ..... **$8.99**

Select Varieties
**Wet Brush Detangler Brush**
Oval or Paddle
each
**$6.99**

Select Varieties
**Degree Deodorant**
2.6 - 3 oz.
**$5.59**

**TopCare Chewable Orange Aspirin**
36 ct., 81 mg
**2/$3**

**TopCare Ibuprofen**
Orange 200 mg or Non-Aspirin PM
100 ct. caplets
**$5.99**

We reserve the right to limit quantities & are not responsible for pictorial or typographical errors. Items with a purchase requirement exclude alcohol, tobacco, lottery, stamps, gift cards, Western Union & money orders.

*Visit our website for Weekly Specials, Great Recipe Ideas and Up-Coming Events!*
*Come check it out at:*
www.villagemarketfoodcenters.com

## Store Hours:

- Allegan: Open 6AM - 12AM 7 Days!
- Colon, Decatur & Gobles: Open 7AM - 10PM 7 Days!

We double manufacturer coupons up to and including 50¢ Tuesdays & Sundays! (see store for details)

VILLAGE MARKET FOOD CENTERS

IN-AD COUPON PLU 37

**5% Senior Discount**
*(55 & Older)*
**WEDNESDAY ONLY**
*(Excluding Alcohol, Tobacco Products, lottery, stamps, gift cards, Western Union and money orders)*
PLEASE PRESENT COUPON BEFORE STARTING PURCHASE.
COUPON VALID WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025 ONLY!